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• Frank Arok

Let's woo Asians, Africans

Australia will push to play off against an Asian or African nation in the final stages of the 1989 World Cup qualifying series.

Last time, the Socceroos had to meet Scotland after winning the Oceania group.

Next time it could be a South American team, unless the Australian Soccer Federation succeeds in its plans to woo the Asians and Africans.

FIFA officials have confirmed that the format of the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy will be the same as it was this year, meaning Oceania will not have guaranteed representation.

Socceroo coach Frank Arok explains the situation

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Billy Vojtek claims VSF cost him his job

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Former Socceroo Billy Vojtek has lost his job as player-coach of Essendon Triestina over what he claims was an administrative error by a Victorian Soccer Federation employee.

VSF secretary George Wallace said his staff had denied making the error.

Vojtek says: "I swear my story is true. I have been slapped in the face not only by the VSF, but also by Triestina."

"I trusted the VSF, but now they deny everything."

Vojtek was fired by Triestina after the VSF appeals board took away the points Triestina gained from a victory against Dandenong City on April 26. The appeals board found that on April 26, Vojtek was not a registered player of Triestina.

He played on April 27 as a guest player of Darwin Olympic in a 3-1 victory over Darwin Hellene in a Greek derby match.

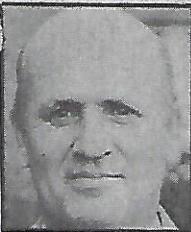
Vojtek, 43, played in two World Cup campaigns during a career spanning 44 games for Australia. He starred for Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia, is a former Victorian State captain and was player-coach of Green Gully, Western Suburbs and St Albans Dinamo

as well as Triestina.

He won the Victorian Ampol Cup with Green Gully, took St Albans to the State League and Triestina to the Second Division where it is vying for promotion.

When he was asked to play a guest game with Darwin Olympic, Vojtek went to VSF headquarters in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda. He took up the story:

"I told the girl behind the counter that I wanted to play in Darwin on Saturday, but that I also had a club game with Triestina on the Saturday. She gave me a transfer form to sign but before I signed it, I repeated again that I had to play on Saturday. She said there was no problem and that I could play for Triestina on Saturday and in Darwin on Sunday. I had a let-



• VSF secretary George Wallace

ter from Triestina, giving me permission to play in Darwin and I had the OK from the VSF so, as far as I was concerned, everything was arranged."

"But what actually happened is that the girl deregistered me from the VSF from mid-week onwards, making me ineligible to play for Triestina on the Saturday."

The Victorian League Tribunal first heard the case on May 21, when Triestina faced a VSF charge that it had played an unregistered player. The Tribunal's finding was

that there was no case to answer and that no action should be taken.

Dandenong City appealed, and the VSF Appeals Board found last Thursday that Vojtek was registered with Darwin Olympic from April 24 until April 30 and under the rules of the VSF, he was therefore not a registered VSF player when Triestina met Dandenong City on April 26. Accordingly, Dandenong City was awarded the points and a 3-0 score.

On Friday, after the Appeals Board decision had been handed down, Triestina secretary Julian Boato rang Vojtek to say that because of what had happened, Vojtek's services were no longer required.

"I was stunned. I had been with the club for nearly three years and did everything possible to make Triestina a good team. Vojtek's services were no longer required.

"But I've got a feeling there may be another reason for my sacking. Triestina plays at Ormond Park, which is an open park area. If they get promoted to the First Division, they will need an enclosed ground, and part of the committee does not want to move, because it would lose the use of its clubrooms at Ormond Park."

VSF secretary Wallace said he first heard about the Vojtek case on the Monday after he had played in Darwin.

"The VSF rang me, saying that Vojtek had played with Dandenong City in Melbourne on Saturday. Perhaps it was the losing team in Darwin that complained initially."

Wallace said that the VSF employee Vojtek said he spoke to was now overseas, but that he had denied giving Vojtek an assurance that he would be eligible to play for Triestina on the Saturday. Wallace agreed that what it boils down to is her word against that of Billy Vojtek.



• Billy Vojtek — 44 games for Australia.

Cop-out for refs

FIFA must get tough to chop the choppers

By ERIC BATTY, one of the most highly-respected soccer writers in the world. Based in England, he has been a football writer for 30 years, he played for 23 years and his technical books about training have been published in Russian, Bulgarian, Czechoslovakian, French and Italian. He has been to the USSR and Italy at the invitation of their national soccer federations to lecture to coaches.

Because we have too many bad referees and too many dirty defenders the laws of the game need changing.

In particular, FIFA must remove from the laws of the game, these words, wherever they appear ... "If, in the opinion of the referee, a player deliberately trips an opponent; holds an opponent, pushes an opponent, kicks an opponent, or attempts to trip, hold, push, kick or strike an opponent, he shall be penalised etc."

The new law must read — "If a player trips, kicks, pushes, holds or attempts to foul an opponent, he shall be penalised."

This would solve one of the biggest problems in football today, for right across the world, referees are able to say "play on, IN MY OPINION IT WAS NOT DELIBERATE."

The fans want to see plenty of goals; intelligent, skilful, attacking play with the stars given protection by referees — but that will require firm action by national Football Associations, to find some way to persuade referees to 'get tough' with dirty players.

Perhaps that would be best if it came in the order of a directive from FIFA to all national associations, or, as I have believed for some years, a change in the

laws on foul play to delete the referee's let-out clause ... IF IN THE OPINION OF THE REFEREE!

The public, in every country has demonstrated it will not pay to see matches that are dominated by defensive tactics, foul play, and poor referees.

The fans want to see Michel Platini, Diego Maradona, Socrates, Zico, and on a lesser level Rudi Voeller, Pierre Littbarski, Bruno Conti, Marco van Basten, Jan Ceulemans and Erwin Vandenberg, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Gary Lineker, Frank Arnesen and Carlos Manuel.

The fans do not and will not, turn out in large numbers, as they once did, to see Rudi Voeller and Lucien le Favre, in West Germany and Switzerland, 'kicked' out of the game for most of last season.

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"On the field, the game is over-physical which tends to reduce the skill factor — and it is skill that gives the game entertainment value. Everyone is to blame for this, but the ones who do encourage the players who go out almost to maim opponents, and the referees who are not strict enough, who allow the use of elbows and who fail to punish players who foul persistently." — BRIAN BARREY, Coach of Heidelberg-Alexander.

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A little anecdote from the 1970 Mundial: One night, late, during the Mexico World Cup, I met Mr René Courte, then the FIFA Public Relations and Press Officer. He came from little Luxembourg, was an intelligent, hard-working, pleasant man who, like me, had a passion for football.

Now with René Courte dismissed by FIFA — because in my opinion he would not be a 'yes-man' to Joao Havelange, I feel free to write what he said.

I asked Mr Courte: "Should FIFA change the laws to delete the reference to the opinion of the referee?" He replied: "There is nothing wrong with the laws of the game that some good referees would not put right."

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Fraser's bad choice

Instead of trying to help Green Gully Ajax claw its way from the depths of the NSL Southern Division, Scott Fraser today could be looking forward to the challenge of English First Division football.

Released a year ago by Glasgow Rangers, Fraser had the opportunity to join Charlton Athletic, but instead chose East Fife, one of the Scottish League's mediocrities.

Charlton then embarked upon a triumphant campaign which culminated in a place among England's top drawer, following an absence of 29 years, whereas Fraser's experience with East Fife was brief and traumatic.

After appearing in the opening four games of the 1985-86 campaign, the young attacking full back was dropped by play-

er-manager Dave Clarke who informed a local newspaper: "Despite his pedigree, he has been unable to secure a first team place because it was felt that he was not solid enough in defence."

Two weeks later, Fraser walked out of the club, stating he and Clarke had developed "irreconcilable differences".

The pedigree Clarke referred to was developed in two seasons on Rangers' playing staff. At one stage it appeared Fraser, who came to Ibrox from Haddington Athletic Juniors, had the ability to become a key figure in manager Jock Wallace's team rebuilding process.

However, only nine league appearances were made before he was dispensed with his services.

After he and East Fife had severed their ties, Fraser promptly joined Berwick Rangers and proved his true worth by displacing former Scottish international John Brownlie in the first team. With the "Wee Rangers", Fraser did sufficient to suggest that he had few peers as a constructive defender in the lower divisions of the Scottish League.

The Glaswegian celebrated his 23rd birthday just over a month after arriving in Melbourne. Obviously, he still has plenty of time to make a mark in the game.

— PAUL MOON



• Scott Fraser

Blasts from the past



• BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1971 (left to right) back row: Sandy Irvine, Mike Harby, Gareth Salisbury, Tommy Dunne, Jock Goodwin (captain), Ron Frost. Front: Maurice Bonfieri, Keith Webster, Pat Della Rocca (vice-captain), Jimmy Smart, Dino De Marchi.



• ADELAIDE JUVENTUS of 1963, from left, standing: J Moriarty, C DiBartolo, F Pagam, S Rossetto, E Donnelly, E Kristensen. Front: A Govelli, J Chiappin, G Biasoli, D Howlett, T Crawford.

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• John Ingleton of Qantas (seated at left) made the draw for the 1986 Qantas World Cup at the Green Gully club. Also seated are, from left, tournament organiser Tony Kennedy, Green Gully president, Garry Miller and publicity officer Stan Slazek. Standing from left, are team representatives and pressmen, from left: Alberto Rodriguez (Uruguay), Michael Mateus (SEA), John Tato (Spain), Tony Abela (Maltaese press), Bob Amidic (Yugoslavia), Andrew Diepto (Italy), Terry Mazzoni (England), Ibrahim Saglam (Turkey), Mike Lynn (England), Gürçan Ozel (Turkey), Joe Hegedűs (Hungary), Paul Azopardi (Green Gully vice-president) John Johnson (Vietnam).

Qantas World Cup winners will play against Kiwis

The final of the 1986 Qantas World Cup competition in Melbourne will be given extensive television coverage.

SBS-TV has agreed to show one hour of highlights and interviews from the match, commented by Laurie Schubach.

The Qantas World Cup is for players representing their countries of origin. England won it last year when the Cup was sponsored by Medibank Private.

The 1986 tournament will take place at Green Gully Reserve, St Albans, over five weekends from Saturday, November 8, until the finals on Sunday, December 7.

A World Cup for juniors (under 14s) will be run at the same time.

And the prize for the winning senior team is a trip to New Zealand, flying Qantas, to play against the New Zealand national side. The match has been negotiated by Northcote City midfielder Kenny Bradford, who played in New Zealand for many years.

Organiser of the Qantas World Cup tournaments is Tony Kennedy, who left for England at the weekend to secure a guest personality who will help promote the competition.

Former England internationals Tom Finney and Gordon Banks are among those he will approach.

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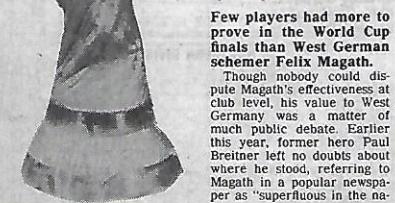
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World Cup aftermath

AN ABSCESS NO LONGER



Few players had more to prove in the World Cup finals than West German schemer Felix Magath.

Though nobody could dispute Magath's effectiveness at club level, his value to West Germany was a matter of much public debate. Earlier this year, former hero Paul Breitner left no doubts about where he stood, referring to Magath in a popular newspaper as "superfluous in the na-

By PAUL MOON

tional team, like an abscess." Kinder critics used the term "enigmatic".

Magath, then, could not be classified as the consistent, efficient player the rest of the world has come to recognise as a typical product of the German game. Certainly, his background is far from typical.

His father was a second-generation American of Spanish ancestry. Drafted into the US army of occupation, he met Felix's mother at Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, where Felix was born. Father and son died for the first time in 17 years later.

After playing for three local amateur clubs, Magath joined professional ranks in 1974, signing for 1 FC Saarbrücken.

Two years later, Magath could reflect upon helping Saarbrücken winning promotion to the Bundesliga First Division, earning recognition at international level with a "B" team cap and a transfer to SU Hamburg, one of Germany's power clubs.

Elevation to the senior national team followed in April, 1977 with a substitute's appearance against Yugoslavia. Two months later, he enjoyed a full 90-minute run when the Germans defeated Uruguay in Montevideo.

Magath then slipped into the international wilderness, where he stayed for three years, until recalled to face Poland. In the meantime, he occupied the headlines only once — when suspended for six weeks after a television film

had proved him guilty of striking an opposing player. This decision was overruled by the West German federation, which decreed that television evidence was not permissible.

The Hamburg midfielder played in Germany's two opening matches during the 1980 European Championship finals but was omitted from the team which contested the final itself. He made four appearances of the 1982 World Cup finals (after recovering from a bad knee injury sustained just two months before the tournament commenced) yet was not required for the trophy decider against Italy.

Upon returning home from Spain, Magath announced his retirement from international football and concentrated on completing an illustrious career as a servant of SU Hamburg.

He had already gained three Bundesliga champions' medals and a European Cup Winners' Cup winners' medal before the Hamburgers met Juventus in the 1983 European Champions' Cup final. In this, he stifled Michel Platini and still found time to move forward and score the game's solitary goal. The Bavarian was the only possible choice as Man of the Match.

No further honours came his way yet Magath remained the outstanding playmaker in the Bundesliga, vastly superior to the multitude of counterparts who attempted to fill that role in the national side.

His premature retreat from the international stage was due primarily to the differences which existed between him and national team coach Jupp Derwall. In 1984, Derwall's successor, Franz Beckenbauer, pleaded with Magath to make himself available and he complied; returning to national team duty against, ironically, Argentina.

It wasn't until the World Cup that Magath's precise passing purposeful ball carrying and vision were reproduced in their fullest glory for Germany. The flowering of this long dormant talent was largely responsible for the transformation of a team which grew in stature as "Mexico '86" progressed. However, after a good series, Magath was nevertheless disappointed in the final itself.

He now enjoys the prestige which should have been his years ago.

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otherwise have been two or three goals up.

The game against England, Portugal should have won by two or three goals in pure ability. And the same went for its game against Poland where again, Portugal gave a bad Poland too much respect and lost.

The Portuguese calculated the decisive win against Morocco but in fact met the only team with the ability which demanded respect.

The Moroccans themselves were then silly enough to squander a golden opportunity to make further history by being too cautious against the Germans. They held back against a very ordinary German side which they should have beaten with considerable ease.

And similar stories can be told of Bulgaria and of Uruguay, both of whom had no business being in Mexico with their negative tactics.

Of course you might argue that teams with enterprise, like Denmark and the USSR, died also and died early. But I believe they died because of their timing and their opportunity, which has nothing to do with an adventurous attitude.

Both started in devastating style and the writing was on the wall for both that they would burn out. They did a Brazil, a la 1982.

My heart bled most of all for Brazil and for Spain, and not France which was clearly outplayed by West Germany in the semi-final.

Brazil's story was sad because it played beautifully, it played positively and even its timing was right but it went out on those obscene penalties, as did Spain.

Germany's story in the final through laboriousness and luck and, save for its deserved win over France, it did nothing of note.

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Maradona's the best since Pele

Diego Maradona, voted No. 1 player in the World after the World Cup, has earned enthusiastic praise from the greats of the past.

Italy's former captain Giovanni Facchetti said: "For me, he is the best since Pele. He makes the goals and he scores them and he does both with wonderful individuality. He is a great player."

"He is very spectacular and stands alone in world soccer. He is different from the rest because he has fantasy in his play."

Former Argentine coach Cesar Luis Menotti said: "He has proved what I have always said — that he is a genius on a football pitch. I always knew he could do this and lead Argentina to another great triumph. He is a great player."

West Germany's Paul Breitner said: "Argentina relies on Maradona for its inspiration and although he was heavily marked he proved he is the world's best player. But for me he does not yet compare with the greats of previous generations even though I admit he is standing in the world today."

England's Trevor Brooking said: "He is undoubtedly the greatest player in the world but I feel he still has to do it over a period of several years to equal Pele."

"But in these very defensive days his ability to beat men even at the highest level and his amazing change of pace put him apart from everyone else."

Michel Didiglio, former coach of France, said: "He was the only real star of these world cup finals. He is a great player, capable of changing the course of a match by himself."



Four quit Germany

Four West German players -- Dietmar Jakobs, Dieter Hoeneß, Hans-Peter Briegel and Felix Magath -- have told coach Franz Beckenbauer they are no longer available for the national team.

And two others -- Karl-Heinz Foerster and Pierre Littbarski -- are leaving to play for clubs in France.

However, Littbarski and Foerster, along with Lothar Matthäus and Rudi Voeller, will be the nucleus of Germany's team for the 1988 European Championship to be staged in West Germany.

Beckenbauer says he is confident that goalkeeper Toni Schumacher will play on, and he hopes that Karl-Heinz Rummenigge also will be around for a few more years.

Refs may come in teams

FIFA may appoint teams of referees and linesmen from one country to officiate at matches in the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

This follows heavy criticism of the standard of refereeing in Mexico.

Referees and linesmen in Mexico invariably

were from different countries and therefore did not always co-operate with each other in the way they should.

Meanwhile, FIFA officials say that the 1990 tournament probably will be cut from 30 days to 27 or 28 but that the format will not be altered.

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WOLLONGONG 2 (Giraldi 41st, Easthorpe 54th)
BLACKTOWN 3 (Denyer penalty 50th, Thornthwaite 63rd, Carroll 86th) at Wollongong Showgrounds.

CROWD: 1,500
WOLLONGONG Young 8 — Green 8, Chiby 7, Vletersa 7, Morland 9 — Kotamandis 8, Peil 7 (Brodin 75th), Arcoza 6, Giraldi 8 — Batten 7, Easthorpe 7. Coach: John Fleming

BLOCKTOWN Curtis 8 — Willis 8, Ainsworth 7, Denyer 8, Knight 7, Kay 7 (Elen 68th), Byrne 9, Sandy 8 — Sater 9, Carroll 8, Thornthwaite 7 (Bradley 69th). Coach: Casey de Bruin

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Byrne (B), 5. Morland (W), 4. Sater (B), 3. Kotamandis (W), 2. Ainsworth (B)

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Richardson on penalty 90th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Palatides 43rd, Zinni 65th) at Chapin Reserve. Crowd: 2,165.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS Keogh 6 — Richardson 7, James 6, Parsons 7 (Carr 75th) — Bain 6 (Mitten 78th), McLaren 6, Faulkner 6, Markovski 6 — Gilder 6, Lennon 6. Coach: John Gardiner

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS Banova 8 — Peter Lewis 7, Brown 6, Vlenders 6, E. Campbell 8 — Palatides 7, Peter 6, Wade 8, Cullen 7 — Patterson 6, Zinni 7. Coach: Len McDevitt

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6. Wade (B), 5. E. Campbell (B.J.), 4. Banovic (B.J.), 3. Parot (SGC), 2. Brown (B.J.) Palatides (B.J.)

BRAZILIAN ROSEBUD 1 (Card 90th) GREEN GULLY 2 (McLennan 26th, Carter Pen, 59th) at Spencer Park. Crowd: about 500.

BRISBANE CITY Harrison 8, Card 6, Vasquez 5, Perri 7, Guglielmo 5 (Catania 7th) — White 5 (Fabrizio 56th), Falcone 6, Williams 7, Bromfield 6 — Cooper 7, Reis 6. Coach: Bill Williams

GREEN GULLY Denys 7 — Hobgen 7, Cannell 8, Frazer 8, Douglas 7 — McLennan 8, Carter 8, Theodosopoulos 7, Cummings 8 (Kadike 71st) — Ward 7 (Koca 82nd), Campbell 7, Zelenka 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson

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ADLAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Maxwell 11th, 32nd, Vlinders 67th) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (R. Stewart 5th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,000.

ADLAIDE CITY JUVENTUS Nisciolli 7 — Tobin 7, Nyshukos 8, Flounders 8, Shillaber 8 — Melia 7, Santacruz 7, Villani 7, Vidmar 8 (Wide 70th) — Mullen 9, Maxwell 9, Cooley 7, Zelenka 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson

BRISBANE LIONS Evans 7 — Bassingthwaite 8, Liddell 8, Armit 7, Meredith 7 — R. Stewart 8, Ogden 6, Morton 7,

NSL DETAILS

J. Stewart 7 — Richardson 8, Austin 6 (Bennett 73rd) — Connell 7. Coach: Ben Bennett

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year Award: 6. Maxwell (ACB), 5. Muller (ACU), 4. Bassingthwaite 6, 3. Liddell (B.C.), 2. Ogden (B.C.), 1. R. Stewart (BL)

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: Approx 2,500.

MAKEDONIA Trajanedes 7 — Rodhouse 6, Dobson 6, Woodall 6, Opasini 8 — Van Egmond 7, Petrov 7, Iloski 6, Lane 6. Coach: Steve Connor

ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 LAS Croc 7 — Brown 6, Dunn 7, Honeyman 7, Yankos 7, Genikas 7, Manou 6, Panagis 6, Hristodoulou 7 — Konstandopoulos 7. Ward 6. Coach: Edmund Kraft

Best six for Ametco Travel Best Player Award: 6. Hristodoulou (AH), 5. Opasini (P), 4. Konstandopoulos (AH), 3. Honeyman (AH), 2. Yankos (AH), 1. Genikas (AH)

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Gordon 21st) MARCONI 1 (Lowe 38) at the Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1,469. Referee: Richard Lorenz 6.

HAKOAH Hughes 7 — Rodrigues 5, Robertson 7, Gomez 7, D'Amato 7 — Watson 6, Lee 6 (Saad 77th), McCullough 6, Farina 7, Kosmina (Barresi 27th), Ohana 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson

MARCONI James 7 — Carter 7, Sterrey 6, Henderson 7, Wheatey 7 — Gray 7, Mason 6, Tredinnick 7 — Brown 7, Lowe 6, El Al 7 — Carter 7, Les Schmid 7

Ametco Travel award: 6. Ali (M), 5. Gomez (H), 4. Brown (M), 3. Henderson (M), 2. Ohana (H), 1. Farina (H)

APIA-LEICHARDT 0 ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Oliverenshaw 43rd) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1,997.

APIA Pezzano 6 — Stewart 6, Bertogna 7, Hristodoulou 6, Butter 6 (Tumbull 83rd) — Bundan 6, Bozanic 7, Lorenz 8, Butter 8 — Parsons 5 (Morsole 46th 7), Baran 8. Coach: Eddie Thomson

RASIC 0 ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (George 11th, 32nd, Vlinders 67th) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (R. Stewart 5th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,000.

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC Meier 9 — Rodgers 7, Dakos 7, Coady 7, Spanoudakis 6 — Phillips 6 (Soper 63rd), Raskopoulos 8 Estavillo 8 — Katholos 6 — Johnstone 5, Kalantzis 5 Patelli 7 — Stoen 7. Coach: Manfred Shaefers

SYDNEY OLYMPIC Hozman 8 — Segretti 8, Tulwala 7, Titiba 8, Williams 7 — Carne 6, Walsh 6, Djordjevic 6 (Sorenson 71st) — Perinovic 7, D'addano 6 (Brennan 58th — B) Coach: Frank MacCarone

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Maxwell in form but Mullen out

Man of the match:
STEVE MAXWELL
(AC-Juventus)

AC-Juventus 3 Bris. Lions 1

Scorers: Maxwell 11th & 33rd; Villani 57th (ACJ); R. Stewart 5th (BL).
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
Crowd: 2200.
Referee: Tony Martell 7.
The lost has been found.

After a 10-match recess, Steve Maxwell regained his scoring touch to boost Adelaide City Juventus to this win over Brisbane Lions.

Maxwell set the OASL on its ear when he banged home five goals in the first two league outings — two against Heidelberg and a hat-trick the following week against Footscray JUST.

After that young Maxwell plodded along in his own hard-working honest way, but missed the midas touch.

All that changed last Sunday as he cancelled out Russell Stewart's fifth minute deflected effort in the 11th minute and then slammed Juventus into the lead in the 32nd minute.

The second goal followed an attempt by Adrian Santrac which Wayne Evans parried. Maxwell gleefully homed in on the rebound.

All this on a day which started bad for Juventus when it was told that its home ground, Olympic Sports Field, was unfit for play.

Hasty negotiations by the Juventus officials and co-operation from the SA Soccer Federation and Adelaide Hellas officials saw the match switched to the better-drained Hindmarsh Stadium.

The result — a fine spectacle on a pitch which was firm and playable despite SA's week-long deluge.

And while Maxwell's re-born goal-touch was the major plus for the home side, the form of "Jumping" Joe Mullen is also worth writing about.

Mullen ran, chased, held and won possession time after time.

Top 14

APIA, Adelaide Hellas and George Cross are all outside the NSL "top 14" but Melbourne Croatia is hanging on by an eighth of a point.

The 14 teams for the 1987 NSL will be chosen according to a formula which awards points for past performance, placings in this year's league and crowd support. Here are the points totals so far (crowd figures used are NOT officials):

90.0 Syd. Croatia

83.8 B'wick Juventus

78.9 H'berg-Alexander

76.5 Syd. Olympic

73.0 Marconi

71.0 Sth Melb Hellas

70.5 Footscray JUST

70.5 Syd. City Hakoah

66.9 Adel. C. Juventus

62.5 Preston-Makedonia

55.3 Blacktown City

55.0 St. Geo. Budapest

54.5 Wollongong

45.8 Melbourne Croatia

45.0 APIA-L'hardt

43.9 Adel. Hellas

42.1 Sun. Geo. Cross

39.0 Brisb. Lions

32.5 Newcastle-Rosebud

30.7 Brisbane City

26.6 C'berra Olympians

25.0 Inter-Monaro

20.4 Green Gully

16.7 C'bury-M'ville



Steve Maxwell (right) scores one of his two goals against Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Wayne Evans. Others, from left: Jim Morton, Charley Villani and William Armit. Picture: FRANK HOBBES.

Allan Crisp



to give Juventus a winning edge.

What a shame that he should commit a last minute indiscretion which will almost certainly cost him a one-game suspension and deny him a place against Make-donia this week.

Mullen was on eight points before the Lions game and a yellow card was the last thing Juve coach Zoran Matic wanted.

Lions coach Col Bennett said

Rumora in defence

Man of the match:
ANTE RUMORA
(S. Croatia)

S. Croatia 4 Newcastle 1

Scorers: Jurin 22nd, 63rd; Arnold 38th, Petkovic 51st (SC); Maier 53rd (N).

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre.

Crowd: 4,859.

Referee: Bernie Upjohn 8.

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Ivor Petkovic, making his debut for Croatia, capped off a fine personal performance when he collected the ball on the edge of the area, dribbled his way past three defenders and slotted the ball into goal.

Newcastle's Ralph Maier got on the score sheet only 99 seconds later.

He collected the ball on the edge of the area and rifled a 25-metre shot into the top right hand corner.

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Meier stops Monaro



Alex Vesic

Man of the match:
GARY MEIER
(Olympic)

stung Olympic into action. A corner from the right by Attilio Carbone was headed under the crossbar by Angelo Titilas but Meier was there to make a brilliant one-handed save.

Soper was asked to get into the act and with 32 minutes remaining, he came on for Gary Phillips!

Only two minutes later Tony Brennan raced forward to beat no less than four tackles before slipping a pass to Steve Winn. Faced with Meier who was coming out of goal fast, Winn shot wide!

Only one minute later Inter Monaro paid dearly for that miss. A long clearance by Coady left Tuliwa and Soper racing for the ball and the darling of the Sydney Olympic crowd did not let them down. His right-footer rifled past Phillips.

With 20 minutes left, Meier again saved Olympic Djordjevic's calculating left-footer from 30 metres with brilliantly tipped over the bar to keep Olympic in front.

However, only three minutes later and following a poor clearance by Coady, Marko Perinovic got in the way, raced forward and rounded Gary Meier before slotting his shot into the net for Monaro.

More was to come, as Coady found himself unattended on the edge of the area and with Meier to beat, but the tall custodian made another diving save to keep one point at Pratten Park.

I fail to understand Soper for Phillips and Patalis for Kalantzi as team changes. Inter attacked with one or two men in the breast and Soper and Patalis could have been on the park in place of out-of-touch Spanoudakis, but what could have been or might have been is Olympic's downfall once more.

to make excuses, but there is no doubt he was disadvantaged without injured striker Derry Wright and suspended Steve Jackson.

Meanwhile, Matic welcomed Neville Flounders back from suspension. The big man looked the goods in the centre of the defence where Buggy Nyskohus was reliable as usual.

The return of Flounders allowed Paul Shillaber the chance to return to right full-back, a position he filled with the utmost competence last Sunday.

Apart from the Mullen caution, coach Matic will be concerned about the injury to

Aurelio Vidmar, who suffered a damaged ankle in a bruising tackle which forced him off the field in the 70th minute.

Despite earlier reports that he was on the mend, Adelaide Juventus midfielder Brian Northcote is unlikely to play this year.

Coach Zoran Matic had hoped Northcote would be available for the top five playoff series, following two operations on a damaged Achilles tendon.

But complications have arisen, causing the usually optimistic Northcote to comment, "There is a doubt about this year and I could be in trouble next year as well."

**Syd. Olympic 1
Inter Monaro**

Ground: Pratten Park
Crowd: 3,385
Referee: Terry Seacy 9.
Cautions: Cagetti, Perinovic (IM); Raspopoulos (SO); Soper 66th, Perinovic 73rd.

Gary Meier, the Sydney Olympic custodian, made three superb saves to prevent last-placed Inter Monaro from beating an undefeated Olympic.

All the hard work done by Raspopoulos and Estavillo was wasted with Johnstone and Kalantzi up front doing little to worry the Inter-Monaro defence.

Inter, playing without Budini, Amrosino and Giampaolo, did well to hold Olympic to 0-0 half time but few believed that this fighting but ordinary outfit could do more than defend during the second period.

Olympic had Terry Patalis and Marshall Soper on the reserves bench — strange, considering the ineptness of its attack.

Then came a moment that

Zinni, Palatsides wreak havoc



Craig MacKenzie

Geo. Cross 1 B. Juventus 2

Scorers: Richardson penalty 90th (GC); Palatsides 53rd.

Venue: Chapman Reserve.

Crowd: 2,165.

Cautions: Parton, Campbell (GC); Brown, Zinni (BJ).

Referee: Jim Fokianos 6.

Two penalties in the last three minutes, three goals and quite a few goal-mouth incidents saved this game from the stalemate the cynics had expected.

While Juventus continued to zero in on top spot in the Southern Division, George Cross was left lamenting its lack of a goalscorer and a midfielder with bite.

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getting a trainer onto the pitch. Parton joined in the act and Fokianos booked Parton. MacKenzie eventually was attended to and continued, but the incident raised an interesting point.

What would have happened had MacKenzie been seriously injured?

Would Fokianos still have given priority to enforcing the rules regarding verbal harrassment of the referee rather than worrying about the well-being of the player first?

But back to the action.

When the corner came over, Paul Wade won an important touch in the air. George Cross was at sixes and sevens as the ball fell for Joe Palatsides who gleefully slammed it in from close range at the far post.

In the 62nd minute, Lennon got onto a bad passback by John Yzendoorn. Banovic charged on the line and went past Banovic but was forced wide. There wasn't a team mate in sight as Lennon hurriedly cut the ball back to one of three Juventus defenders racing goalward.

The match was put out of George Cross's reach in 55th minute. Palatsides placed the ball firmly to wide who slipped it inside to Zinni. He burst forward on the right of the area and slammed a low shot that went in under Sean Keogh's body.

But the best chance of the half fell to Mark Lennon. Just three minutes were left before the interval when Lennon skipped past the last defender to conduct Banovic. Lennon should have given George Cross a 1-0 half-time lead. Instead, he slotted the ball wide of both Banovic and MacKenzie.

The second half was eight minutes old when Don MacKenzie was injured and lay on the ground, clearly in need of treatment as Juventus won a corner. Referee Jim Fokianos had his attention drawn towards MacKenzie by Roger Bain and Shaun Parton. Fokianos looked at MacKenzie then approached him who clearly was incensed at the time wasted

I want to put an end to cries of indignation over FIFA's refusal to give Oceania automatic entry to the World Cup finals. The truth is, that Oceania consists of only two legitimate soccer nations — Australia and New Zealand.

"FIFA would regard us more seriously if we could come up with, say, two groups of six teams but where would we get them — Tonga, Vanuatu, Antarctica?"

"So under the present circumstances, it's quite logical for FIFA to demand that the Oceania winner plays off against a team from another region.

"The solution for Australia would be to play off against an Asian or African country rather than one from Europe or South America."

"At the moment, Asia and Africa both have two places in the World Cup finals."

"Those two regions would just have to compete for an additional final place and because of the many countries involved, we could easily get a majority vote at a FIFA congress," Arok said.

youngster's stamina. He scooted past three opponents before being tripped by Campbell. Fokianos pointed to the penalty spot but Brown didn't strike his ball kept wide enough for Keogh, who got down and held well.

In the 90th minute, George Cross substitute Noel Millett was pushed from behind by Eddie Campbell and Steve Richardson scored from the resultant penalty to complete the scoreline.

Three minutes were left when Palatsides made a superb solo run into the Juventus area. Seconds earlier, Palatsides had cut out a cross into the Juventus area, so you certainly can't question the

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Ken Kontra

Farina's shot cuts down Henderson



Peter Scott

**SC-Hakoah 1
Marconi 1**

Scorers: Gomez (H) 31st;
Lowe (M) 38th.
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: 1469.

Referee: Richard Lorenz 6.

Cautions: Gomez (H) and McCallum (M), both by Steve Ray, Wheatley and Brown (M).

A clash between teams desperately keen not to lose, was how Lee Scheinfug summed up this confrontation between two of the biggest names in the NSL. It was an assessment not accepted by Eddie Thomson, who strongly maintained Hakoah was out on the park with the full intention of winning.

"Our midfield hasn't clicked as yet, but I hope this will be overcome by the time we face Croatia next Sunday," was how Thomson summed up after the final whistle.

There is some truth in the comments of both coaches, with the two teams fighting the honours. Marconi having the better of most of the first half, but Hakoah unlucky not to score the winner after the break especially in the 56th minute, when a booming 12-metre shot from Frank Arina was heading straight for the net.

Everyone was beaten, including veteran sweeper Tony Henderson.

Marooned right on the goal-line, Henderson nearly had his head blasted off by the shot which poleaxed him — but

didn't go into the net. He played in a daze for the rest of the game.

This continues a season-long tale of woe for Farina, who regularly tips defences to shred but has by now missed enough "certain" scoring chances to have moved Hakoah at least a few rungs up the ladder.

Bad luck? Perhaps, but maybe also a sign of a lack of maturity and calmness in a young player with the potential to become Australia's most exciting striker.

In the game Marconi used long, sweeping balls to Osvaldo El Ali whose great speed and uncanny skills of ter left the defence looking decidedly flat footed.

In spite of this, Hakoah opened the scoring, when one of many free kicks awarded against an overly "enthusiastic" Marconi rearguard allowed Joe Watson to float in a ball which tempted goalie James off his line before curling out his first half hour.

Hakoah's goalkeeping situation also received a boost with the competent showing of former Everton and Bury professional Colin Darcy in the youth league class.

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Gerry Gomez managed to sneak in behind the defence undetected and his header was unstoppable.

Just seven minutes later, Marconi were on level terms with a goal which even Scheinfug characterised as "lucky".

Brown steered the ball across the face of goal from the by-line.

Gomez cleared it upfield, but it fell beautifully for Howe, whose shot sneaked between a tangle of legs for the equaliser.

Both coaches found things to be pleased about in the aftermath, not the least Scheinfug, who guessed that it had been about a decade since his side had taken three points

**Man of the match:
OSVALDO EL ALI
(Marconi)**

from Hakoah in a season.

He also predicted Hakoah would have no trouble disposing of Croatia on the latter's home ground next Sunday.

On the other hand Thomson was happy with the confident debut of 17-year-old Goalie Brett Hughes, who, admittedly, wasn't really tested by Marconi's strikers.

His worry is the midfield, which is likely to have Barnes and Gomes on deck against Croats.

This, in turn, puts a question mark against Watson and McCullough, not to mention Lee, who both certain to be excluded.

Steve O'Connor will return to the defence after suspension, while John Kosmina is under a cloud with a sore knee, which forced him out of last Sunday's match in the first half hour.

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The 30-year-old goahe was spotted guarding Kingsford's net just when Thomson gave up all hope of finding someone to take over from the suspended and out of form Alex McPherson prior to the June 30 transfer deadline.



• Preston Makedonia's Nick van Esmond (left) shoots at goal. Referee Neil Murray just gets out of the way in time. At right is Lou Hristodoulou of Adelaide Hellas. Pictured: CARMELO BAZZANO.

Off the field,
it's all
happening

**Man of the match:
LOU HRISTODOULOU
(Adelaide Hellas)**

**Makedonia 0
Adel. Hellas 0**

Venue: Connor Reserve
Crowd: Approx 250

Cautions: Opasinić (PM),

Wardell (PH), Doenau (HA).

Referee: Neil Murray.

Scoreless draws are seldom exciting, and this was no exception but in fairness to the participants it must be said that it was windy and the ground was extremely heavy, which did not make for attractive soccer.

Referee Neil Murray's performance did nothing to improve the situation. His inconsistent interpretation of foul tackling and his reluctance to give advantage to the team in possession, were costing.

Makedonia lined up without the suspended Graham Heys and his surging runs, turning defence into attack, were sorely missed. Con Opasinić was the only Makedonia back-four player who looked confident on the ball; the rest tended to treat it like a hot potato! Even allowing for the bad ground conditions, one would have expected a bit more thoughtful use of the ball from the home team.

On the credit side, Nick van Esmond and George Petrov had solid games in midfield, particularly in the first half. In the heavy going both faded towards the end but fortunately for Makedonia, so did the opposing midfielders, with the notable exception of Lou Hristodoulou.

Hristodoulou's pace was a constant threat to Makedonia, and he twice came close to winning the game. In the 37th minute he beat Ian Roodehouse and Martin Woodall on the left and his cross was dropped by Phil Traianedes.

The keeper made amends by blocking George Konstandopoulos' effort from close range. With two minutes left Hristodoulou outpaced the defender, shooting a long clearance but was denied by Traianedes, who got to the ball fractionally ahead of him, some 10 metres outside the penalty area, and managed to kick it into touch.

Makedonia had two good chances in the first half, in the 4th minute Petrov's shot was cleared off the line by Graham Honeyman and Roodehouse, following through just missed.

Gary Ward had a great opportunity to break the deadlock when he had too much room inside the penalty area. Instead of blasting it, Ward tried to place his shot wide of Traianedes, but the young keeper managed to palm it around the post, diving full-length.

Ward also hit the post in the 75th minute, and just before the final whistle Konstandopoulos' low shot on the run barely missed the target, with Traianedes beaten.

In the end, it was a less than convincing effort by Makedonia, but on the other hand, a well deserved away point by Hellas.



• Charlie Yankos (Adel. Hellas)

Hunter, Selemidis: What a combo!



Laurie Schwab

**Melb Croatia 1
Heidelberg 3**

Scorers: 0-1 Hunter, pen.
50th, 1-2 Biskic, 51st, 1-2 Tsolakis, 81st, 1-3 Hunter, pen. 83rd.

Venue: Olympic Park
Crowd: 2,200

Referee: Roger Doenau 6.

Cautions: Curcio (M.Cr.), Bonacis (M.Cr.), Hannah (M.Cr.).

Melbourne Croatia's

plight is getting more serious by the week but that general play isn't all that bad. It matched Heidelberg for thrust; Steve Gojevic was busy and creative in attack after having been dropped from the previous match; Josip Biskic was effective in bringing the ball forward to the right; George Hannah was successful at centre back and Tony Curcio quite dashing at right back.

Heidelberg, however, played with more self-assurance and poise. It does not have as much as Croatia to worry about. But with Croatia worried more about survival than finesse, the first half was nothing short of hideous. Players from both sides tackled and headed the play to a standstill.

Croatia replied with some slick combinations. Gojevic skirted the defence into the area and set Markovac with a neat short cross, but Marko-

the interval, when all the goals were scored.

Alan Hunter, the Heidelberg centre back who converted two penalties, was the best player of the match. As usual, he combined a high degree of skill with his uncompromising defensive play.

Captain Theo Selemidis backed him up expertly, underlining the expertise of this central defensive partnership. Nowhere in Australia do we find a duo with as much skill and flair in positions traditionally reserved for the more senior type of player.

Heidelberg lined up without

goalkeeper Jeff Oliver and right back in McKie but both should be back against George Cross this Sunday.

Paul Ford, who hails from Adelaide but spent some time with Notts County in England, took Oliver's place in goal and made good saves to prevent Gojevic from scoring. Steve Marley switched to right back and Mike Valentine came into the side in midfield.

Chris Ketsakidis worked his way into the penalty area five minutes after the break and after what seemed a fair clash with Biskic a penalty was awarded by referee Roger Doenau. Hunter converted.

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Ford reacted well in diving

at the feet of Gojevic but had got through to a defensive mistake by Heidelberg.

At the other end, Lucheschi had a shot blocked and the rebound went to Brown who chipped it to Tsolakis who scored with a header.

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It's Peil v Kay



Barry Davis

**Wollongong 2
Blacktown 3**

Scorers: Giraldi 41st,
Easterhope 54th, Denyer
penalty 50th, Thornthwaite
63rd, Carroll 86th (B).

Venue: Wollongong
Showgrounds.

Referee: A Pollard 6.

Blacktown City ice had to come from behind in its 3-2 win over Wollongong.

Wollongong looked well drilled in defence, with its back four and midfielders contributing equally. This, coupled with an off-side trap superbly marshalled by captain Ray Vlietstra, kept the Demons at bay early in game.

Then came a Wolves attack, goalkeeper David Curtis was out of goal quickly to cut the ball off. Robert Giraldi, in an almost carbon copy repeat of the foul he had committed on Curtis earlier in the season, chased the ball and made a late challenge on the keeper. This time Curtis was alert enough to avoid injury but one day soon, a referee will catch Giraldi and he will pay dearly.

A battle of midfield wits took place during the next 15 minutes. It was interesting to note that the Wolves thought so much of the ability of Paul Kay that they assigned him man-marking in the form of Richie

Peil. Although Kay was to finish on top in this encounter, Peil was able to thwart many of his attacking contributions.

In the 41st minute, a cross from Kotamandis found the head of unmarked Giraldi in the Demons' penalty area. He had little trouble in lobbing the ball over the advancing Curtis, into the net.

The second half was only five minutes old when Blacktown was awarded a corner. During the flight of the ball from the corner flag, Joe Carroll suddenly hit the deck and referee Pollard immediately pointed to the penalty spot amid protests from Wolves players. Peter Denyer easily beat Warwick Young to level the score.

At the 54-minute mark, Wollongong's result from Peter Denyer's penalty was confirmed.

Easterhope, from his team's lead, dived header after a terrible mix-up in the goalmouth.

Curtis had advanced to challenge Arcosa but the ball had fallen free. It was from the ensuing scramble that the ball found Easterhope.

Easterhope had a good chance provided by Giraldi but blasted his attempt well over the bar.

Within three minutes, Robbie Slater burst through in the centre but had his shot blocked by Young. Fortunately for Blacktown, Thornthwaite was on hand to knock the loose ball into the net for the second equaliser. Scoring that goal



Ken Kontra

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Tapai stars and Egan has a new partner

**SM-Hellas 0
Footscray JUST 0**

Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: abt 4000.
Referee: Don Campbell
(Additional Ref: G. Murphy).
Caution: Stevenson
(SMH), Vukcevic (F).

Ernie Tapai keeps improving with every game. The little bundle of dynamite was the battery which provided the spark to a moderately impressive Footscray JUST performance.

Yet, despite his action-packed performance, the Southern Division leader was perhaps a little lucky to get away with a point.

There is no doubt it provided most of the classical moves — bouts of slick inter-passing which often had Hellas running around in circles. But all



Bob Brian

Man of the match:

ERNE TAPAI
(Footscray JUST)

ways there was that lack of thrust which spoilt many a promising move.

Up to the penalty area Footscray JUST looked great. But that's where the magic ceased.

Hellas rarely had possession of the ball in the first 10 minutes and it looked as if another disappointing performance was about to unfold.

But it took Tapai 10 minutes to get in the first shot which gave Peter Laumets no trouble.

Five minutes before that, Vojislav Vukcevic was booked



• Suleiman Gurovic of JUST battles with Ken Murphy of Hellas as Angie Postecoglou looks on.

for deliberately handling the ball when Charlie Egan and Stuart Stevenson look as if they might break through.

As JUST's moves continued to break down near goal, so Hellas began to climb out of the doldrums.

Alan Davidson had a scoring chance with a header from a free-kick by Kenny Murphy, but he made only a half-hearted effort to connect — obviously expecting to be hauled up for offside.

Then Steve Blair had a header from a Carl Halford corner which went like a bullet, but luckily for JUST, Zoran Nikolicic was standing right in line.

With Hellas taking command, Suleiman Gurovic was replaced by Vukcevic after four minutes of the half interval. JUST had two good chances to score in the opening 20 minutes of the second half. Both fell to skipper Zdravko Lujic.

The first he mysteriously ignored when he could have been through on his own. The second he miskicked from the edge of the penalty area.

They could have been costly misses indeed because Hellas became more threatening as the game progressed.

JUST took of Warren Spink and sent him Atanasovski and although it didn't quite close up shop, it became a little less adventurous.

All but Tapai, that is. He continued to wage a one-man war, covering most of mid-

field and taking on defenders with a great deal of success.

By comparison, Richard Miranda had one of those days which come to the mall. Nothing would go right for him.

But in the end it was he who almost grabbed both points for Hellas with a thunderous shot from 30 metres which looked destined to end up in the back of the net.

Zoran Nikolicic, the JUST keeper, was equal to the task, however, and brought off one of those one-handed saves for which he has become famous.

Hellas had plenty to be pleased about — particularly the new partnership between Charlie Egan and Stevenson. It's early yet, but they look capable of accomplishing a lot together.

Now that Hellas has given up hope of signing a star from abroad, a lot will be expected from Stevenson.



• Star recruits in opposition: Warren Spink (left), who joined Footscray JUST from Makedonia and Stuart Stevenson who joined SM-Hellas from Sydney Olympic. At right is Rade Bakrtakarevic. Picture: LES SHORROCK.



• Suleiman Gurovic of JUST battles with Ken Murphy of Hellas as Angie Postecoglou looks on.

Arok sighs in relief



Mike Mikolajczyk

**APIA 0
St George 1**

Venue: Lamberts Park, 43rd.
Referee: G. Power 6.
Caution: Hristovski (A).
Crowd: 1997.

St George coach Frank Arok needed little encouragement to elaborate on the importance of the result of this game.

Breathing a sigh of relief, the master tactician proclaimed that the two points captured were probably the most vital points in the club's recent history.

Getting into that "safe" sixth position on the competition table is the primary target in the battle for survival.

It took both sides half an hour to shed their inhibitions, with the home team figuring in most of the goalmouth incidents.

In the 28th minute Edward Lorenz swung over a free kick which Arno Bertogna headed onto the crossbar. In the 35th minute, again, he had a free header, but this time Mike Gibson was well positioned to make a clean catch.

Man of the match:

MIKE GIBSON
(St George)

A minute later APIA worked an intricate move which ended in an almighty scramble in front of Gibson's goal. Somehow, amid the tangle of legs, Gibson managed to fall on the ball.

Next APIA's two Poles came close to scoring. First a quick corner found Lorenz, whose volley was plucked out of the air by Gibson, then Pedro Ricci, at the near post, cleared a fierce driven free kick by Janusz Baranowski.

With only two minutes remaining in the half, St George scored what turned out to be the winning goal. Roy Cotter's free kick slipped past the defensive wall and was parried by goalkeeper Tony Pezzano. The ball rolled free and the APIA defenders were powerless to stop young Scott Ollerenshaw from being the Saints' defence stand firm.

Alas, APIA could not lure the Saints out of their defensive pattern and had to settle for shots from a considerable distance and hopeless crosses into the goalmouth.

With so many APIA players pushing forward the Saints' half of the field resembled a traffic jam. At the end of the line was goalkeeper Mike Gibson, whose performance certainly inspired his teammates in their quest to ensure a victory.

In the dying minutes St George twice exposed an undermanned APIA defence but failed to convert the chances.

A man in this match provided varying consequences for both teams. The Saints have acquired more solidarity and confidence whereas at APIA the soul searching continues.

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They could have been costly misses indeed because Hellas became more threatening as the game progressed.

JUST took of Warren Spink and sent him Atanasovski and although it didn't quite close up shop, it became a little less adventurous.

All but Tapai, that is. He continued to wage a one-man war, covering most of mid-

field and taking on defenders with a great deal of success.

By comparison, Richard Miranda had one of those days which come to the mall. Nothing would go right for him.

But in the end it was he who almost grabbed both points for Hellas with a thunderous shot from 30 metres which looked destined to end up in the back of the net.

Zoran Nikolicic, the JUST keeper, was equal to the task, however, and brought off one of those one-handed saves for which he has become famous.

Hellas had plenty to be pleased about — particularly the new partnership between Charlie Egan and Stevenson. It's early yet, but they look capable of accomplishing a lot together.

Now that Hellas has given up hope of signing a star from abroad, a lot will be expected from Stevenson.

rebounds of the young keeper's body and fired shots back into the goalmouth.

In the 34th minute Green Gully was considered unlucky not to get a penalty for a trip on Cumming but the Melbourne side won itself a spot kick just on half time.

Ward had a good shot deflected onto the crossbar by Harrison but, in an attempt to clear the rebound, former Lions' defender Rod Vasquez nearly handballed.

Scott Fraser was given the task to put away the shot for a goal which would have sealed the game then and there. But he didn't count on the agility of Harrison who leaped to his right to save brilliantly.

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in the entire first half, the most dangerous attempt on goal by City — the home team and undefeated in its last two games — was a Mengotti header over the crossbar.

There was little improvement in the City game after the break, although Alan Reis went close with a good shot.

But 14 minutes into the half, referee Bill Monteverde, the "penalty king" of the soccer scene, showed he can give for the opposition as well, when he ruled Cumming was pushed in the box as he was being trailed by Vasquez and Peter Falconer, on loan from Sydney Hakoah.

Les Carter, whose drive and direction won him man of the match status, took on the responsibility and had no trouble driving the ball into the opposite side to Harrison's dive.

Green Gully nearly added

another in the 78th minute when Ward rounded Harrison, but his weak attempt at the open goal was cleared by Vasquez, while Mengotti was unlucky not to get a penalty when he soured a legitimate foul with a theatrical dive.

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Their sheer class is underlined by their inclusion in our half-season all-stars selection, based on votes gained in the Ametco Travel Player of the Year award.

Dragoslav Sekularac, appointed coach of JUST at the start of the season, brought Stosic with him from Yugoslavia where he played for Red Star Belgrade.

Estavillo, who was a top-liner in Uruguay, was signed by Sydney Olympic from State League club Auburn-Uruguayan. Back home, he played for Penarol and Nacional and he also had a stint with Olympiakos in Greece.

Heidelberg-Alexander captain Theo Selemidis, enjoying one of his best NSL seasons (he was there at the start, in 1977), is included among our all-stars in midfield, although he has played much of the year so far as sweeper.

The two full backs are among the finest young players in the country — youth international Angie Postecoglou who leads in our Medibank Under 21 Player of the Year award and former NSW Under 21 Player of the Year, Steve Knight. He usually plays at left back for Blacktown, but because Postecoglou has more votes, Knight has been allocated the right-back spot.

Our 'B' selection includes brothers Alan Hunter (Heidelberg) and David Hunter (Brisbane Lions). Steve Jackson of



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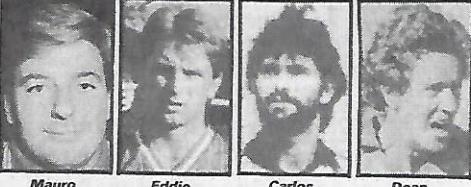


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Meet the stars of tomorrow

Some of Australia's finest players rounded off their development at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, among them Oscar Crino, Warren Spink and Frank Farina. This year's AIS crop aspires to similar heights. Here's a run-down on them. NSL clubs may like to use it as a recruiting guide.

DAVID MOWER

Home town: Albury
Date of birth: 17.11.67
Height: 185cm
Weight: 76kg
Position: Goalkeeper

Honors: Riverina — senior and youth representative

David is an outstanding junior and representative player from the Riverina district. Being very tall, he commands in the air and he has sound technique. This is his first year at AIS and he is undertaking a course in recreational management at Bruce TAFE College.

DAVID HEALY

Home town: Melbourne
Date of birth: 13.3.68
Height: 172cm
Weight: 68kg
Position: Full back

Honors: Victoria — under-16, youth representative

Alex is starting his third year at AIS after coming from the Ferrestfield club in Perth.

JOHN KOCH
Home town: Brisbane
Date of birth: 26.6.68
Height: 182cm
Weight: 77kg
Position: Defence or midfield

Honors: Queensland — under-16, youth representative

Powerful and skilful, John was recruited from the Pine Rivers club in Brisbane. He played for the club for three years in 1985 from where he scored nearly a dozen goals. Strong with both feet he has played on both flanks in midfield and as a central defender and was a regular scorer in his few games as an attacking midfield player. Works for McDonalds in Canberra.

ALEX CUMMINGS

Home town: Perth
Date of birth: 13.3.67
Height: 181cm
Weight: 81kg
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TURT REYNOLDS
Home town: Launceston
Date of birth: 29.9.67
Height: 176cm
Weight: 70kg
Position: centre back

Honors: Tasmania — under-16, youth representative

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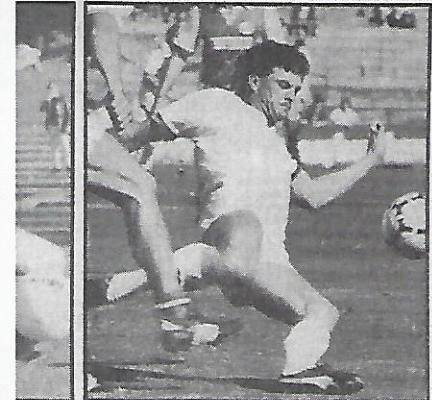
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• Angie Postecoglou — attacking left back of SM-Hellas.



PAUL FOSTER
28.12.67
Lismore
Striker

Honors: Victoria — Under-16, Youth rep Australia — under-16 World Cup

A tall, rangy player in the classic play-maker mould with excellent touch on the ball and the ability to play both passing and shooting past either foot. He has a good shot but needs to work hard on his defensive game. Last year a member of the Brunswick Juventus youth team, he toured China with the Australian Under-16 team and is currently engaged in his Year 12 HSC at Dickson College.

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Position: defender
Honors: Victoria — Under-16, Youth rep Australia — under-16 World Cup

Yet another of the Victorian contingent which plays in China, Runje joined AIS after playing in the West Australian State League with Bayswater. Deceptively good in the air and extremely tenacious, he is a very good central back line. He is a consistent performer who leads by example and will not shirk any task. At times too impetuous in defence, his solid, all-round game makes him a reliable performer. A Year 12 HSC student at Dickson College.

GARETH NAVEN

Home town: Perth
Date of birth: 3.3.69
Height: 171cm
Weight: 69kg
Position: defender
Honors: West Australia — under-16, Youth rep Australia — under-16 World Cup

The elder of the Naven twins who played in China last year, Gareth joined AIS after playing in the West Australian State League with Bayswater. Deceptively good in the air and extremely tenacious, he is a very good central back line. He is a consistent performer who leads by example and will not shirk any task. At times too impetuous in defence, his solid, all-round game makes him a reliable performer. A Year 12 HSC student at Dickson College.



GARETH NAVEN
3.3.69
Perth
Full Back

Peter Gunning
28.2.68
Newcastle
Goalkeeper

Height: 180cm
Weight: 70kg
Position: goalkeeper
Honors: Northern NSW — under-16, Youth rep

Although slight in appearance, Peter has performed with distinction in representative football over the past two years. Courageous in all he does, he is an excellent shot stopper and has made significant improvement in certain technical areas where he tends to be a little unorthodox, he will develop into a top-class goalkeeper. Last year with Newcastle Rosebud youth team he is currently taking a Commerce degree at the Australian National University.

GAVIN MCDONALD
Home town: Warners Bay, NSW
Date of birth: 21.5.68
Height: 175cm

PETER GUNNING
Home town: Budgewoi, NSW
Date of birth: 28.2.68

Basketball shows us the way

To the editor

SIR — As a mere supporter, I dream that this game will be one of THE major codes in Australia one day but I feel powerless, and my only solace is to write down my thoughts and somehow hope the feeling catches on.

Most soccer lovers have had this dream at one stage or another, I'm sure, but many have changed codes due to frustration.

The question of how to win back these defectors and others has repeatedly been asked and answered in many forums.

But I ask how many can foresee the future of soccer in this country in a positive glow? Very few indeed, going by soccer journalists' attitudes over the years.

Everyone knows changes must be made and some are being made, but to what avail? Where is the game heading? No one in the fraternity seems to know, it would seem.

The NSL is forever changing its name, team names, rules for relegation, etc., and, more importantly, relying on too few supporters.

Obviously the game is supported by the ethnic minority, which is becoming even more minor, mediocrities of matches being the cause.

As harsh as it may sound, the game must spread its wings beyond the ethnic community (I must stress absolutely no offence is meant as I myself am ethnic) and beyond channel 0/28 if soccer lovers want progress.

Of course the ethnic community is needed. Actually, it is necessary for the game to maintain the level we already have (including crowds) but should we settle for equal fifth best or whatever it is? We are already behind football, horse racing, rugby and cricket in popularity among the total population (going on average crowd figures). Not only that, but another threat has closed in at the rear, that American laboratory sport, basketball.

Basketball is growing so much that some clubs average up to 4,000 but even more stunningly 1000 seems to be the absolute minimum. Brisbane Bullets are expected to attract a 15,000 crowd for at least three home games and the Geelong Cats have turned to private ownership (first sporting club in Australia to do so), to a stadium that comfortably seats 4000 all under cover plus a comprehensive commercial television coverage.

of the past. The problem will be timing: when exactly to make the change, obviously turning professional, and encouraging attacking, positive attitudes among juniors to create entertainment value (most important).

Soccer marketing on a large scale is just what the game needs to spread those stiff wings. Maybe taking basketball's lead might be easier to handle than following the enemy football codes.

Basketball is an American concoction and thus no racial tensions are experienced in its development. Somehow we must market soccer in such a way that the average Aussie can enjoy it.

Hopefully, when the game comes through with its major metamorphosis in the near future, soccer lovers will be able to enjoy the 'luxuries' of change and soccer journalists all over the country will have a whole new dimension of things to write about, and of course stun the readers into buying another copy.

Genuine soccer lovers should have the philosophy: if we are to exist in this life as we know it, the game we love must be shared among the masses of Australians in its most professional and attractive form and the spectator must be considered No. 1.

— Vlado Vlahovic
Norlane,
West Geelong, Vic.



FIJIANS TUMBLE

• Preston Proleters of the Victorian Industrial and Amateur League recently won 5-2 in a challenge match against Australian-based Fijians.

Details: Proleters Preston 5 (J. Dimitroski, Toseski, Z. Dimitroski, J. Arifoski) 2 Fiji Representatives of Australia 2 (Shorab, Bhairi).

The Preston team, pictured, is, from left, standing: Sakri Arifoski (coach), Jim Dimitroski, Evas Arifoski, Vlado Korbaleski, William Costello, Marjan Toseski (captain), Tas Papadopoulos, George Arifoski, Sam Khishia (president). Front: Ajdin Demiri, Alex Huljak, Jeff Arifoski, Enver Arifoski (vice-captain), Zoran Dimitrovski.

The Fijian select was Faizel, Shorab, I. Shameem, P. Shameem, Yusuf, Younes, Bhairi, Shoeb, Rustam, Bibin, Mokhtar.

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Le esigenze di spazio per la copertura dei campionati mondiali del Messico avevano impedito la continuazione di questa rubrica durante le ultime settimane.

A compagni tutti con il trionfo dell'Argentina di Maradona e con la grossa delusione della nazionale italiana, riprendiamo queste note settimanali che ironizz sulla sorte, erano iniziate all'indomani del trionfo azzurro in Spagna e si erano ispirate al fatidico, anche se grammaticato, "Viva Italia" che in quelle giornate euforiche aveva osannato le imprese di Rensi e compagni sulla stampa locale.

Conserviamo la testata di "Viva Italia", anche se per coerenza dovremmo adottare quella di "Povera Italia", come dimostravano di fatto i buon auspicio per il calcio italiano che fra quattro anni si ripresenterà alla prova mondiale di Roma.

Per quanto riguarda la disfatta del Messico c'è ormai ben poco da dire, ad eccezione forse che la formazione schierata da Bearzot non era la migliore espressione del calcio italiano, sia perché aveva escluso alcuni degli uomini più in forma del campionato (come Pruzzo per esempio), sia perché il campionato italiano non è un campionato degli stranieri (a cominciare da Maradona e Platini) che con lo sblocco delle frontiere hanno nuovamente penalizzato i talenti di casa.

E c'è da augurarsi soltanto che il numero degli stranieri permetti per ogni squadra non salgano addirittura a tre come certi esponenti di club addirittura vorrebbero. Come si può schierare una nazionale quando una cinquantina delle posizioni chiave nel massimo campionato sono messe a disposizione di giocatori che giocano con le nazionali di altri paesi?

Per quanto riguarda l'Australia, la strada verso il torneo finale del mondiale di Roma sembra nuovamente bloccata a tavolino da una F.I.F.A. insensibile e ostinata che pre-

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Rientra Zinni e la Juve gira

tende la qualificazione della vincitrice del gruppo Oceania dopo sparring con una squalifica sudamericana.

L'anno scorso, oltre ad aver deciso il politicamente scomodo Israele nel gruppo Oceania, la F.I.F.A. aveva costretto l'Australia a giocare il suo ultimo match contro la Svezia. E allo stesso tempo si qualificava un Canada che non ha nemmeno il luogo di una campionato nazionale ed una federazione. Ma ci vuol tanto a capirlo che l'Australia geograficamente e calcisticamente è molto più all'Africa e all'Asia che non all'Europa e al Sud America? E la F.I.F.A. proprio non le ha questo bazzecole, cosa aspettano a farglielo sapere i nostri dirigenti federali?

Tornando alla scena locale, il campionato italiano ha ormai fatto il giro del buon anno con grosse novità. Nel girone meridionale il JUST di Sekularac continua a condurre la classifica davanti alle due Juventus, mentre nel girone settentrionale il primato si alterna fra il Croatici e l'Olympic dopo la caduta del Wollongong, con il Marconi sempre fra le prime quattro, ma più per demerito delle altre che per merito suo.

A proposito dell'Olympic e Palatsidis hanno dimostrato ampiamente di essere elementi preziosi che avranno un peso determinante nel futuro della squadra. Vesnaver gioco d'intesa perfetta contro il Croatici e nonostante l'impotenza, si disimpegna molto bene dimostrando grande freddezza, buona tecnica e la predisposizione a costruire piuttosto che a semplicemente

rompere; Montemurro è stato utilizzato molto poco ma da quel poco che si è visto di lui in prima squadra ha tutti i numeri per guadagnarsi la maglia di titolare in un anno o due.

Domenica prossima la Juventus ha la possibilità di avvicinarsi ancora più al battagliolando JUFC che contro il Croatia non si la passerà tanto liscia anche se la situazione in classifica dei rossi potrebbe soprattutto al rientro di Zinni e Peter Lewis e al continuo miglioramento di Petersen. Anche Incantalupo è ormai fisicamente a posto, e Dowle potrebbe essere disponibile di nuovo fra non molto.

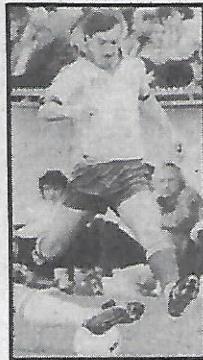
Mentre il futuro della squadra e le sue chances di ripetere l'impresa dello scorso anno tornano a brillare con il rientro di Zinni e Lewis, non è da sottovalutare il contributo delle altre squadra in queste ultime settimane dai rinasciti Durakovic, Palatsidis, Vesnaver e Montemurro che hanno saputo rompere le falle create a causa dei lunghi infortuni di Incantalupo, Zinni, Petersen e Dowle e alle ripetute squalifiche di Peter Lewis.

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comunque il campionato e' ancora lungo e tutto e' ancora possibile, specialmente considerando che gli Azzurri hanno una partita da recuperare contro il Croydon.

Bannon back, Cutler axed, Nelson sits on the bench

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



• Peter Reynolds

Paddy Bannon is expected to return from overseas this week and on Saturday should lead Melbourne Hungaria in its vital relegation clash with Ringwood Wilhelmina at J.T. Gray Reserve.

A win to Wilhelmina would put the skids under Melbourne's hopes of consolidating its State League status for it would give Wilhelmina a four-point break over the second bottom club.

If Bannon's expected return would boost Melbourne's chances of success here as will the return, from suspension, of Robert Morrey.

With Melbourne's recent signing from Green Gully, Peter Reynolds, and Lou Theodosopoulos up front, I'm going for the home team in what will be a fiercely fought contest.

Albans Dinamo takes on Northcote at John Cain Reserve on Saturday and should win. Dinamo's title chances nosedived against Morwell last weekend but Dinamo looks too close for Northcote.

Northcote coach Roy McLaren sprang a surprise last weekend when he dropped Gary Cutler, who had played well in the previous match against Caulfield. What was even more surprising was that Cutler wasn't even selected on the bench or in the reserves and wasn't given a reason for his axing.

Thomastown's new coach, Mike Lynn, got off to a fine start last weekend when his charges downed Polonia 1-0 but Thomastown faces a far stiffer task against Morwell Falcons at North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday.

John Flynn and Nine Di Martino should be available this weekend but it's hard to see Thomastown keeping Falcons at bay.

Leading State League scorer Ian Stirling clearly is the danger man as far as Thomastown is concerned but the battle between Falcons stopper Emile Bruns and Thomastown striker George McMillan could hold the key to the outcome. Released from the pressures of being a player-coach, McMillan is set to finish the season in style. He's a giant-hearted competitor and doubt will be a constant menace to the Morwell defence.

Alan Kerr turned in a fine display against Polonia so John O'Callaghan won't have things all his own way in midfield. Nevertheless, I expect Falcons to emerge victorious after a tense struggle.

Cesare Fattore was sent off in the 75th minute after clashing with Graham Watson, who has a depressed fracture of the cheekbone and was expected to miss Pines' clash with Polonia. The incident angered the Pines camp which will lodge an official complaint with the V.S.F.

Rob Nelson's presence will add spice to the Polonia-Pines clash. He switched to Polonia two weeks ago from Pines and has something to prove here.

I'm going for a draw.

Bruno Cozzella was a notable absentee when Fawknar defeated Pines and it was unclear as to whether or not he'd be available for Sunday's Ralph Reserve battle with Box Hill.

The match is vital to the championship aspirations of both camps and I'm going for the Hillmen, who have the better attacking combination in Phil Griffin and Laurie McKinnon.

"Without a doubt, he's one of Box Hill's best buys in recent years," says Box Hill coach Keith Webster. "Described mid-fielder Barry Burton after the Hillmen's win over Melbourne Hungaria.

With Burton and Andy Hughes missing in midfield, Box Hill can match Fawknar in this area and if Ian Tuffield can be held in check, Fawknar could lose valuable points in its push for the top.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

SATURDAY
MORWELL FALCONS v Thomastown at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.
MELBOURNE HUNGARIA v Ringwood Wilhelmina at J.T. Gray Reserve, 3pm.

NORTHCOTE v ST ALBANS DINAMO, 3pm.

SUNDAY

CROYDON v Caulfield at Croydon Park, 3pm.
WESTERN SUBURBS v SPRINGVALE CITY at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.
Polonia v Frankston Pines (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

Fawknar v BOX HILL at Smith Reserve, 3pm.



• Thomastown striker George McMillan, who resigned last week and handed the coaching reins to Eddie Lunn

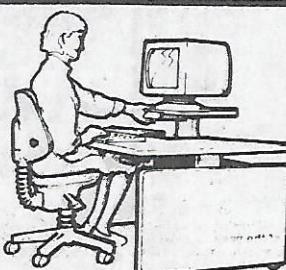


• Fawknar stopper Cesare Fattore, sent off against Frankston Pines during Fawknar's 2-1 at Monterey Reserve last Sunday.

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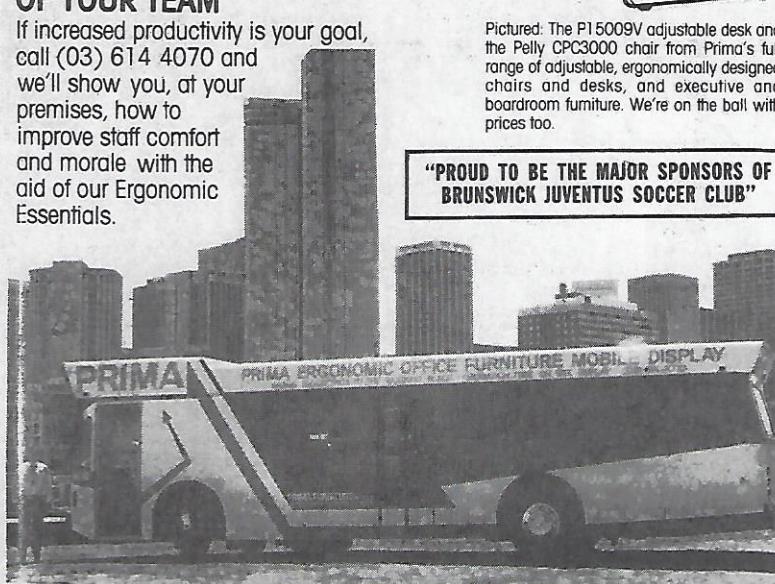
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DAZZLING DUZEL!

St. Alb Dinamo 3
Morwell Falc. 4

By MIKE LYNN

Scorers: Stirtton 11th, A. Cassar 22nd, Bruns 56th, O'Callaghan 60th pen. (MF); Culin 57th, Duzel 71st pen. Rastocic 88th (St.A.).

Venue: Churchill Reserve.

St Albans Dinamo lined up with Branko Culin as an attacking partner for Ivan Duzel and the new pairing worked really well so the absence overseas of striker Dennis Morovic will not be big

The first goal for Falcons was scored by striker Ian Stirtton. The move which gave Stirtton the easiest of finishes began when winger Anthony Cassar easily beat Dinamo

full back Robbie Dragovic on the halfway line.

Cassar carried the ball for 25 metres then knocked a fine through ball to striker Peter Verechia running into the left of the area. Verechia carried the ball to the back line and his left foot cross along the ground was easily tapped into the goal by a totally unmarked Stirtton.

Falcons' second goal was scored against the run of play by Anthony Cassar in the 22nd minute.

Midfielder Graham Tuttill played a good forward ball to Stirtton on the edge of the penalty area and his first time flick saw the ball fall nicely for Anthony Cassar who controlled well and had time to pick his spot from eight metres.

The period before Falcons second goal saw the best play coming from St Albans. As early as the 18th minute, man-of-the-match Duzel showed his ability when he outpaced the Falcon defence cutting into the penalty area from the left wing. He neatly laid the ball off to Culin on the edge of the area and, after a low drive from just wide of the post, keeper Alex Eatott well beaten.

Duzel repeated the dose in the 42nd minute when he again sprinted from the left wing to the edge of Falcons' penalty area and as Culin was 100 pounds on Duzel's fine pass it took a marvellous sliding tackle by Tuttill to stop him from scoring.

Falcons scored their third goal in the 56th minute when keeper Emile Burns scored with a looping header from a left-wing free kick taken by full back Jim Train. Dinamo goalkeeper Mate Grgic came off his line but missed the cross enabling Burns' header to drop into an open goal.

Cassar pulled a goal back for Dinamo in the 57th minute when he dribbled past Burns and sweeper Gerry Clarke on the edge of the penalty area then slid the ball under the advancing Eatott.

Falcons were awarded a penalty in the 60th minute that was easily converted by John O'Callaghan. The penalty was given for a foul on Tuttill but as far as this observer is concerned the tackle by full back Danny Ramjaj was fair and Tuttill's subsequent dive well executed.

One minute later, Dinamo was awarded a penalty when



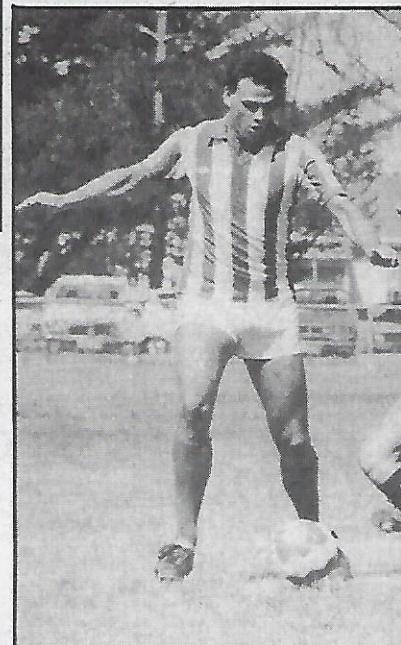
**Man of the match:
IVAN DUZEL
(Dinamo)**

Marshall returns

Thomastown 1
Polonia 0

Scorer: Cafora 2nd.
Venue: Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

The goal that decided this match was scored in the 2nd minute following a



Graham Tuttill of Morwell Falcons — in action for his former club Footscray J.U.S.T.

Dragovic went past Train and crossed into the Falcons' penalty area where the bouncing ball hit Bruns on the hand. Duzel hammered his penalty kick high into the net.

In the 78th minute, Duzel again showed the power of his shot when he received a short pass to Culin from a free kick. Culin laid the ball back to Duzel on the left side of the penalty area and his thundering shot from 12 metres just cleared the crossbar.

With Dinamo pushing forward at every opportunity it was always likely that it could be caught on the break.

This almost was the case in the 80th minute when Stirtton flicked the ball superbly to substitute Jack Van Baar running from the halfway line. Van Baar only had the keeper to beat but charged into the right of Dinamo's penalty area but instead of shooting he tried to cross the ball on the ground to the incoming Anthony Cassar but Zenko Erićajac made a great saving tackle.

Dinamo did manage another goal in the 88th minute when it was awarded a free kick on the left of the penalty area for time wasting. Duzel chipped the ball superbly to the near post where Svetlo Rastocic back headed the ball into goal.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Biton (C), 2. Tafai (C), 1. Taylor (C).

BOX HILL 2 (Roddhouse 60th, McKinnon 74th) **MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 0** at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL 1 — Sullivan 8, McPhee 9, Adams 8, Hird 8 — Tay 8, Morrison 6, Cullen 7, Bell 6, Bannon 6, Deans 6 — Athersy 7, House 6 — Wild 7, Nelson 7, Burton 9, Rastocic 8 (Penalty 85th). MELBOURNE HUNGARIA: Kisa 8 — Szabo 6, Bird 6, Edmondson 7, S Wild 6 — Wallace 3 (Gutherson 76th), Tzambazis 6, L Theodosopoulos 8 — Reynolds 7, Mills 7, Beletsky 6 (Debono 80th). Coach: Tuffield 8, Mancini 7, Coach: Peter Boyle.

Best three for Ametco award: 3. Walsh (Faw), 2. Bordignon (Faw), 1. R Wilson (Faw).

CAULFIELD CITY 2 (Tofari 48th, Vagias 88th) **WESTERN SUBURBS 0** at Princes Park, Saturday.

CAULFIELD CITY 1 — Anderson 8, Biton 8, Kortos 7, Brooks 7 — Tsetisidis 7, Theodorou 8, Taylor 7, Wondim 7 — Filippou 7 (Vagias 87th), Zemunik 6, Coach: Take Sunmura.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Cric 7 — Beattie 7, Smallman 7, Dimovski 7, Hamil 6 — Katokatis 7, Farmer 7, Cvetanovski 6 (Trani H 6), Palmaricotti 6 (Esposito 79th) — Stenson 7, McGuinness 6, Coach: Jimmy Konidis.

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FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Cumming penalty 35th) **FAWKNER 2** (Tuffield 30th, Mancini 70th) at Monterey Reserve, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 6 — Thurlow 6, Cumming 6, Macleod 6, Watson 6 (in Armstrong 75th) — Ross 8, Cullen 7 (in Hennessy 85th), Ferris 8, Morris 8, Coach: Tony Kelly.

FAWKNER: R. Vagias 88th, Vagias 7 (sent off 75th), Schipano 7, Bordignon 8 — Nixon 8, Flavel 8, De Cecco 7 — Sabbatino 8, Tuffield 8, Mancini 7, Coach: Peter Boyle.

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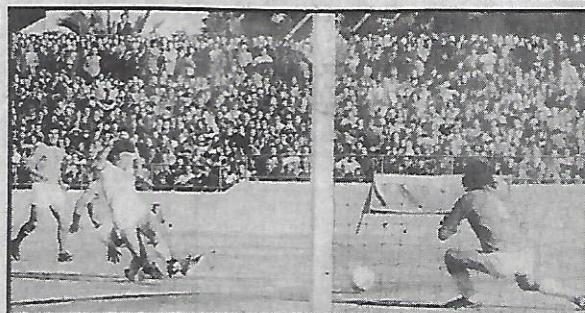
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• Johnny Warren (left), shoots at goal during Australia's World Cup qualifying match against Iran in Sydney in 1973.

League gets TV coverage

National Indoor Soccer League matches will be shown on SBS-TV at 7.30 pm on Mondays from late August onwards.

Former Socceroo captain Johnny Warren will host the TV coverage.

Warren said this week: "Indoor Soccer (International Rules) is one of the most skilful and enjoyable ball games to play. Rather than compete with soc-

cer it is complementary to the outdoor game. During a study tour of Brazil last year I was able to see the game first hand and in my opinion it contributes considerably to the unique world class skills of Brazilian players, who are brought up on Indoor Soccer. I recommend Indoor Soccer (International Rules) as a tremendous game to play and an invaluable way of developing soccer skills."

Cosmos junior champs

JUNIOR COSMOS 2 MA-KEDONIA 0, Preston Eliminator final

JUNIOR COSMOS J Athanasopoulos, Mazda Tosevski, 7; Renato Popovic, 1, Jimmy Galanis, 9; Alex Nicholaides, 9.

MAKEDONIA N. Ribiero, 7, C. Renna, 7, S. Kondinski, 8, A. Salasiger, 7, D. Desaubin, 7, D. McKay, 7.

The game was fast and furious, with the first goal coming in the first two minutes from Alex Nicholaides.

By the end of the first half the Makedonia boys were boiling and were ready to play right through the break.

Tempers began to flare in the Makedonia defence and in goalkeeper Nelson Ribiero.

Man of the match: JIMMY GALANIS (Junior Cosmos)

The Makedonia team and in particular Kondinski and Renna had numerous attempts at goal but could not find the target and their frustration grew even more.

Cosmos keeper Athanasopoulos made some incredible saves to keep his team ahead.

The pressure was on the Junior Cosmos team when dangerous shots by Renna and Kondinski were saved by the keeper.

Another pass, this time by the brilliant Galanis, saw him lob the ball to Tosevski whose shot was saved by the Makedonia keeper.

The action moved from one end to the other, until finally the game was sealed minutes from the end when a pass from Tosevski to Nicholaides just outside the 'D' saw the keeper beaten and the Junior Cosmos run out Champions of the Preston youth Eliminator League.

Soteriou does a Maradona

Man of the match: FABIO GAUCI (Euronations)

EURONATIONS 4 GOODONYA 2, Preston Eliminator all-age final.

EURONATIONS: J. Frangakis 7, M. Mahies 8, F. Gauci 8, C. Stiros 8, T. Antoniadis 7, T. Frangakis 8, C. Soteriou 8.

GOODONYA: D. Mahoney 7, S. Pamouktis



• Euronations, the Preston Eliminator open-age champions, from left, standing: Colossus Oil representatives, J. Frangakis, F. Gauci, M. Mahies, C. Stiros. Front: C. Soteriou, T. Frangakis, T. Antoniadis.

Pupaconstantinou in top form

Group A

Bonds 6 Nike 2

Bonds, with their second win for the season, climbed three positions up the Donvale League ladder. Their new player, Peter Pupaconstantinou, is a god-send as he has score goals galore since he joined.

Against Nike he scored a double hat-trick, giving Bonds a winning margin of four goals. Nike managed to score through Steven Torouno and Dajan Velikovic, but that's where their ability ended.

Bonds, in their new strip, (which could have been their power-booster) were inspired by Joakim, their captain, and Pupaconstantinou who was man of the match.

Red Devils 8 Disciples 6

The Red Devils were not very Christian over the Disciples, as the results indicated.

The enthusiasm of the Devils and in particular good play by Callegari and Ljubetic saw them break a 5-5 deadlock in the second half.

Garry Fergie for the Disciples played a brilliant game, notching five goals.

Smooth Operators 9 Shasters 3

Although at half time scores were equal on 2-2, the usual pattern of the Operators won in the second half when they scored on the goals.

The loss by Shasters sent them to fifth spot on the ladder. But you can be certain that Shasters will pull all stops to make the finals.

Ernie Bojn put in an excellent game for the Operators, as can also be said for Sandro Bastasian of Shasters.

Man of the Match was Smooth Operators player John Micheloudakis.

Canons 6 Kaiser Chiefs 0

Canons' victory gave them fourth spot on the lad-

der and also made them a great chance for the finals.

The team's 'star' again was Spiro Atalas who notched three goals to bring his tally to 21.

The Kaiser Chiefs appear to have dropped form in recent weeks and a red card to Lasgodos cut their man power even more.

Riviera 5 Calypso 4

Riviera came out strongly, with leading goalscorer Frank Tkalcic, Anton Gashi and Peter Famic putting the first three away for Riviera.

Tkalcic was playing an aggressive game and was fighting to get to the ball which unfortunately built up his fouls and eventually cost him a red card.

This was a blow to the Riviera side which next week meets the Smooth Operators in the game of the night.

Calypso put four goals away but they were not enough.

Man of the Match was Anton Gashi of Riviera. Chris Kotopoulos and Sam Droulos of Calypso also played well.

GROUP B

Gippsland Ghosts 6 Sweathogs 1

The Carafa boys, Anthony, Paul and Mario, all scored as did Marchesani.

The Sweathogs, not having played before, will need a few more games to get into the game style, but we're assured that won't take long.

Man of the Match was Anthony Carafa for the Gippsland Ghosts.

White Peles 6 Raiders 1

Carlo Baravelli had his scoring shoes on, notching four goals in the first half.

The other goals came from Peter Woodward and Carlo Sabidussi.

Raiders struggled to set up play as they were confronted with some very skillful players.

In the second half the White Peles were kept scoreless while the Raiders scored their first goal through George Kafatos.

George Pezzaro played well but the team could not click enough to put away any more goals. Man of the match was Danilo Baravelli.

Zlatna Luka 11 Assurri 1

Zlatna Luka dominated the game through their two main scorers, Ante Pericic with five goals and Nino Ragusa with six goals.

The game was go all the way with brilliant passes, set plays and accuracy.

Keeper Walter Miani for Assurri, didn't know what had hit him.

Steven Folkes for Assurri was their only goalscorer and probably their best player.

Man of the Match was Nino Ragusa for his double hat trick, followed closely by Ante Pericic.

Carcioffi Rangers 5 Ethnic Utd 1

This game was probably the most controversial for the night. It was stopped after a red card was shown to Ethnic United player Paul Allister for dissent.

Top left his team with three players on the court, which is not allowed under the rules.

The first half saw three goals scored by the Rangers and Silvio Sella plus one more in the second half which brought their total to five.

Paul Allister for Ethnic United stepped up their only goal, but desperation and frustration by Allister caused his dismissal and the game ended with an easy victory for Carcioffi Rangers.

Man of the Match was Silvio Sella for his quick, powerful cannon-like shots which gave him a hat trick.

D. Camilleri 7, G. Thalassinos 7, b. Nikolakos 7, G. Giordano 8, a. Tsomos 8.

Euronations disposed of Goodonya in a thrilling 'Blue Final' that featured 26 fouls, four yellow cards and four blue cards. Euronations, after serving their apprenticeship last year, became the Preston Eliminator 1986 Autumn Champions and brought much pride to their sponsors, Collosoil Oil Co.

The first attempt came from Terry Frangakis who put a blistering shot towards goal but just over the bar.

From the goal kick, Chris Soteriou was quick to scoop up the ball and put away a first-time shot to bring the first goal up for Euronations.

Soteriou, running hot, took the ball from Goodonya and, as if he were Maradona, worked his way around the Goodonya team to the edge of the 'D' to blast another goal past the keeper.

The game seemed to be dominated by Euronations and the only thing stopping them from scoring was the brilliant play of the Goodonya keeper.

In the 14th minute of the first half, we saw the first two blue cards come out, cautioning players who were getting too aggressive.

George Thalassinos for Goodonya was working overtime with his mouth and the referee thought it best to remove him from the court.

When play resumed young David Camilleri for Goodonya received a brilliant pass from Angelo Tsomos and topped it off with a dashing solo run to pull back the first goal for Goodonya.

Euronations replied straight away with a精彩的 cross-court pass by Terry Frangakis to Gauci who took two steps and slapped it past Giordano in the 18th minute.

Two minutes into the second half Gauci sole a goal kick and recorded his second goal and the fourth for Euronations.

Straight after the kick-off, Terry Frangakis found himself face to face with Giordano who made two brilliant saves, the second from point blank range.

A foul by Gauci gave Goodonya a free kick on the centre line. Angelo Tsomos came up to take it, and his direct shot left everybody standing as it zizzed into the top right hand corner.

In the 12th minute Terry Frangakis on the goal line saved a certain goal from Dennis Mahoney and put Euronations into attack.

Giordano was forced out of his fifth foul and a blue card.

Euronations will now meet Thomastown league champions in a district championship.

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MELITA V. ILINDEN

Melita Eagles and Rockdale Ilinden, crowd pleasing teams vying for the top of the State League ladder, will meet at Melita Stadium on Sunday. It looks like the most important game of the year for both camps.

For Melita, it is imperative that two points are gained. For Rockdale Ilinden one is as good as two as a draw will keep the distance between these sides at two points.

Ilija Takac, the coach of Ilinden,

den, is full of praise for Melita: "They are a good football playing side that can destroy any team on their day, it is essential to treat Melita with caution."

Still, I'd prefer to play Melita any day of the week, rather than Macedonia or Uruguay. Melita enjoys its football, while the others prefer to defend and wait for you to make a mistake."

Takac is adamant that the Melita - Rockdale Ilinden match will be a good advertisement for the game.

Uruguay takes on Sutherland at Mona Park. This could be 0-0 one more time. Sutherland has

shown little enterprise in front of goal, Uruguay even less. So, it is going to be a matter of who makes less mistakes.

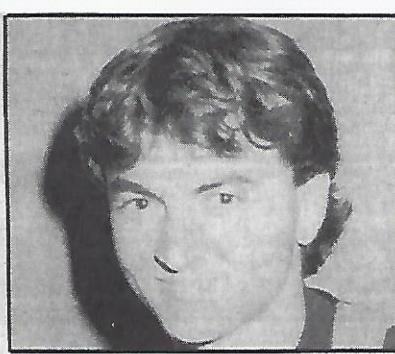
Penrith City could surprise Manly Warringah at Cook Park. If Alex Jamieson can subdue Paul Marshall and Ian Hunter finds his way past John Dick then the points might stay at Cook Park, otherwise it'll be another dull draw.

The Freshwater and Kuringai clash, set for Narrabeen Fitness Camp, could be played at Cromer Park. Freshwater had another goal spate last week but I fail to see, despite some

poor form by Kuringai, how Freshwater could repeat the dose. It will be a tight clash with the return of Craig Bass the deciding factor.

Wollongong Macedonia meets Polonia at Berkeley and will have to contend with a team with much the same style as Rockdale Ilinden. Sobczyk and Drys, Kuwicky and Pop, Janic and Colusso, all are fine players and capable of beating any side in State League.

Talevski, Sweeney and Ruskin most probably will do well so it is up to Gardner, Giraldi and Berry Robinson to show their prowess up front.



• Ken Slavesci, switched last week from Rockdale Ilinden to St George for \$5000.



Air Malta player of the year award

Leading votegetters:

16 — Tortevski (RI) 15 — Woods (U), Nastevski (RI) 14 — Farrugia (ME) 10 — Watt (F), J. Campbell (MW), Tavevski (WM) 9 — Genc (U), D. Campbell (P), Watson (K), Wellbourne (WM), Jamieson (P) 8 — Filipovic (A), Van Egmond, Dick (MW), Drys (P), Burchmore (S),

Skiyak State League Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ROCKDALE ILINDEN	8	2	4	29	15	18
MANLY WARRINGAH	6	6	3	17	8	18
KU-RING-GAI	5	7	2	15	9	17
MELITA EAGLES	5	6	3	23	10	16
Woll. Macedonia	5	6	3	9	6	16
Sutherland	6	4	4	13	11	16
Freshwater	6	2	6	23	27	14
Polonia	4	6	4	19	22	14
Uruguay	3	8	3	10	13	14
Avala	4	3	7	13	22	11
Penrith City	4	1	9	18	34	9
Fairy Meadow	2	1	11	11	25	9

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Nastevski 86th) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 at St George Stadium.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Berry 7 — G. Wilson (32nd Grebby 7), P. Lovski 8, D. Wilson 8, Rodas 7 — Darlington 7, Tortevski 9, Nastevski 7, — Nastevski 8, Genoveze 6, Ristevski 6 (Jones 72nd); WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Drys 5, Robinson 7 — Muhlbauer 7, Tavevski 8, Sweeney 3, Ruskin 8 — Wellbourne 8, Todovski 6 (Muzik 46th) 6, Bingum 6, B. Robinson 6 — Gardner 5, Gralid 5 (Kirkovski 72nd).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Tortevski (RI), 2. Talevski (WM), 1. Plovski (RI).

MANLY WARRINGAH 0 URUGUAYAN AUBURN 0 at Cromer Park.

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Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Marshall (MW), 2. Woods (U), 1. Perdomo (U).

POLONIA 1 (Luchessi 25th) FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Kirwan 61st) at Chopin Park.

POLONIA: Anderson 7 — Chou 6, Kulwicki 8, Robertson 7, Pratt 6, — Mariano 6 (Trotter 6); Polonia 7 — Chou 6, Kulwicki 8, Robertson 7, Pratt 6, — Drys 5 (Luchessi 25th); FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic 7, — Cano 6, Maguire 8, Berringer 8, Burleigh 6, Marjanovic 7, Richardson 6 (Norwood 85th); Kerr 7, — Baker 7, Kirwan 8.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Marshall (MW), 2. Woods (U), 1. Perdomo (U).

SUTHERLAND 0 MELITA EAGLES 0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 7 — Nelson 7, Terry 7, Burrows 8, Cox 7, — Cullen 7 (Brett 7); Darlington 7 — Edwards 7, Hughes 7, — Hughes 6 (Kerrod 78th); Sharp 5.

MELITA EAGLES: Papovic 7, — Gregson 5, McCoy 7, Wilson 7, Williams 8 — Callanan 7 Rezadez 7 (Val 60th); Farnsworth 7, McFadden 8 — Foxman 7 (Meeran 84th); Dalton 6, — McFadden 8 — Foxman 7 (Meeran 84th); Dalton 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Burchmore (S), 2. McFadden (ME), 1. Williams (ME).

KU-RING-GAI 1 (McKegan 84th) PENRITH CITY 1 (Cross 33rd) at Parklands.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey 7, — Keven 7, Bertram 6, Watson 6, Goldsworthy 6 — Cross 33rd (Parsons 6); Maides 6, Harrington 7, Johnston 6, — Hughes 6 (Kerrod 78th); Sharp 5.

PENRITH CITY: Edwards 6 — Hatton 7, Campbell 7, Quarmby 8, Hebs 6 — Jameson 8, Thompson 7, Cross 6, Shaw 7 — Hunter 8, — McFadden 5 (Both 6th Grey — 6).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Jameson (P), 2. Quarmby (P), 1. Niel (K).

FRESHWATER 5 (23rd Tkachuk, 55th Corrigan, 55th Driene, 85th Berry Pen, 90th Burke) AWALA 1 (Coates 75th) at Narrabeen Fitness Camp.

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AWALA: Thurlow 6 — Kravnikov 5, Atalag 5, Stevens 5, Divani 6, Kodor 5, Coates 8, Marino 6 — Jeffery 5, Brown 5, Filipovic 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Tkachuk (F), 2. A. Bortolacci (F), 1. Coates (A).

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AWALA: Thurlow 6 — Kravnikov 5, Atalag 5, Stevens 5, Divani 6, Kodor 5, Coates 8, Marino 6 — Jeffery 5, Brown 5, Filipovic 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Tkachuk (F), 2. A. Bortolacci (F), 1. Coates (A).

Second Grade results: Sutherland — Melita 0-1, Manly — Uruguay 0-1, Ilinden — Macedonia 4-2, Polonia — Fairy Meadow 0-4, Freshwater — Awala 2-0, Kuringai — Penrith 0-1.

Third Grade results: Sutherland — Melita 3-2, Manly — Uruguay 2-1, Ilinden — Macedonia 3-0, Polonia — Fairy Meadow 3-1, Freshwater — Awala 2-3, Kuringai — Penrith 0-1.

2nd Grade Table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	9	3	10	38	16	23
FRESHWATER	8	2	29	16	8	20
FAIRY MEADOW	8	2	29	16	8	20
PENRITH CITY	7	2	33	24	16	20
Kuringai	7	2	25	17	16	18
Sutherland	7	2	25	17	16	18
Manly Warringah	4	4	6	24	22	12
Uruguay	5	1	18	22	11	11
Avala	5	1	18	22	11	11
Macedonia	3	3	22	34	21	13
Ilinden	4	1	26	46	9	11
Polonia	2	1	11	9	4	5

3rd Grade Table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SUTHERLAND	13	0	56	6	27	18
PENRITH CITY	13	0	56	6	27	18
MELITA EAGLES	9	2	41	8	20	17
ROCK ILINDEN	9	2	34	15	14	20
AWALA	8	2	42	8	19	17
Fairy Meadow	1	12	10	81	35	9

Tom Steven joins Avala

Manly Warringah has slipped from top spot in the NSW Skypak State League after being held at home by a dour Uruguay, while Rockdale Ilinden took over at the top following its narrow 1-0 victory over Wollongong Macedonia at St George Stadium.

Rockdale Ilinden now has strung eight wins and a draw together in its last nine matches and looks set to cause Melita endless problems at Melita Stadium this Sunday. Zlatko Nastevski, with 13 goals to his name, is the man State League clubs fear most.

Avala swamped
Luckless Avala could do nothing right at Narrabeen after having Tom Steven transferring from APIA midweek. To add to Avala's woes it lost by a huge score to a side which had lost stars in Walker and Giannone prior to the game.

Peter Tkachuk, transferred from Kuringai last week, made no mistake with his 25 metre shot after seeing Thurlow well off his line to make it 1-0 in the 23rd minute.

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Wayne Cootes, Avala's best player, made it 1-3 with a fine shot in the 75th minute but a penalty by Berry and a goal by Richard Burke in the closing stages gave Freshwater a much-needed boost.

Kirwan scores
Polonia dominated play at Chopin Park against Fairy Meadow despite the absence of its two front runners Pop and Janic. The home side managed to score through ex-Avala player Robert Lucchesi in the 25th.

Polonia players struggled to get a few passes with Jurek Diks taking the ball to the bye-line before crossing for Colusso to take a shot. Kravnikov couldn't hold it and Lucchesi jumped at the chance to score.

Polonia had a few opportunities to go further ahead but failed in front of goal, allowing



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Fairy Meadow to come back.

Paul Maguire, Fairy Meadow's new find, threaded his pass to Baker who in turn pushed a through ball for Paul Kirwan to chase. Followed by at least two defenders Kirwan ran away to score the equaliser in the 61st.

Burnham brilliant

Ray Farrugia, Howard Tredinnick and Derek Laing were missing from Melita's line-up at Seymour Shaw Park, but Razendah and McFadden, Melita's new signings, more than made up for the loss by outplaying their opponents from St George.

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McKegan's volley

Kuringai failed to live up to its pre-match favouritism against the inform Penrith and had to fight all the way for its share of the points.

In fact Penrith looked set to take the points with only five minutes left. Then came a corner by Nigel Groome and a perfect volley from McKegan which left Edwards helpless.

It was a bitter blow to Penrith. The visitors led after a goal by Micky Cross in the 33rd. Ian Hunter made some space for himself then crossed for Hector Martinez who let the ball go for Micky Cross to put in a powerful header which beat Lace.

With Alex Jamieson controlling proceedings in the middle of the park and Penrith having the lion's share of play it was no surprise to see Ian Shaw come forward to blast a shot from a cross by Hunter. This

saves within seconds of one another before Ilinden asserted its supremacy and Macedonia retreated into its own half to defend stoutly.

Vlado Tortevski was the man who made life difficult for the visitors with his great work in midfield. Aligned by the fine skills of Nastevski and the speed of Genovese, Tortevski pushed the visitors into their own half with Rockdale Ilinden throwing everything at them bar the kitchen sink.

It was a fair result but most satisfying for the visitors as Uruguay strives to get closer to the top of the table. Its goal-scoring touch is yet to come but its general play, with Perdomo in good touch, has improved.

Late winner

Almost 3,000 fans came to St George Stadium to watch the Macedonian derby between Rockdale Ilinden and Wollongong Macedonia. Goals, so common to Ilinden's fortunes lately, failed to come until late in the match but when one did it was in a style similar to that of the previous matches — fashioned by Zlatko Nastevski.

He was brought down after beating two players close to the edge of the penalty area, and while the visitors were preparing their wall, Nastevski coolly planted his free kick high into the roof of the net.

Ilinden had a lucky escape twice during the first period with Chris Talevski heading onto the crossbar and Peter Berry making two desperate

time the woodwork got in the way.

Penrith closed ranks in the last 20 minutes but failed to keep McKegan out to go to Parklands with just one point.

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Apart from these two incidents, defences stood firm and the game was directed around

Top scorer award

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URUGUAY AUBURN — SUTHERLAND, Mona Park
PENRITH CITY — MANLY WARRINGAH, Cook Park
FRESHWATER — KURINGAI, Cromer Park
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA — POLONIA, Berkeley Sports Ground
FAIRY MEADOW — AVALA, Corrimal Memorial Park

DIVISION II, SAT. 12.07.86

KINGSFORD OLYMPIC — BATHURST, Kensington Oval
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GLADESVILLE HORNSBY — YUGAL, Pioneer Park

SUNDAY, 13.07.86

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ARTARMON — BANKSTOWN LEBANON, Artarmon Reserve
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CAMPBELLTOWN GUNNERS — MOOREBANK, Bensley Rd.
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PORT HACKING — WEST UNITED, Seymour Shaw Park

STATE LEAGUE, SUNDAY 20.07.86

POLONIA — MELITA EAGLES, Chopin Park
ROCKDALE ILINDEN — URUGUAY AUBURN, Hurstville Oval
SUTHERLAND — MANLY WARRINGAH, Seymour Shaw Park
AVALA — WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA, Knight Park
KURINGAI — FAIRY MEADOW, Parklands
FRESHWATER — PENRITH CITY, Narrabeen Fitness Camp

DIVISION II, SATURDAY, 19.07.86

BATHURST — BANKSTOWN LEBANON, Proctor Park
YUGAL — CAMPBELLTOWN, Black Oval

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POSLE MUNDIJALA SUROVA STVARNOST

Jednmesecni festival fudbala u Meksiku prepicavcem godinama kao najveći događaj decenije. Specijalno dao mu je genijalan Maradona, koji je postao ziva legenda najpopularnijeg sporta na svetu.

Koliko god su uspomene drage, one has ne mogu odvojiti od domace scene gde je prvenstvena sezona presla svoj zenit. Uveliko se igra drugi deo prvenstva, koji znaci borbu na "zivot i smrt" u Nacionalnoj ligi, koja postaje jedinstvena u 1987. godini. Po pet klubova iz svake divizije automatski postaju clanovi nove lige, sto znaci da se ostали sedam vracaju u nizi rang takmicenja.

JUST se nalazi na najboljem putu da obezbedi mesto u petorki iako nisne se odusevjavaju svojom igrom kaona po pocetku. "Plavi" su prosle nedelje srecno prošli u Middle Parku, gde, za 90 minuta nisu uputili ni jedan posten sa gol. Helles nija, takođe, odusevio igrom, ali bio je bilz pobjedi, jer se njegov navalni igrač nisu stideli da suturaju iz svake pozicije. Sto nisu imali vesela mogu da drive jedino fantastičnog Zorana Nikitovića, koji je ponovo splošao JUST od sigurnog poraza. Pero Nikitovića povoljni zaslužio Tom Karic i Vojko Vučković, da se navala skoro nije videla, naročito Latif i Ljubić.

Jedino opravdavanje za losu igru na Middle Parku može biti jak i bladan veter, koji je vise odjavorao domaćim igračima.

Sekularac je planirao jedan bod u postima — dva kod kuće. Do sada, sve ide po planu, sam par izveštaka, ali trener "plavih" nije zadovoljan sa igrom svih pulena. Povreda Vladice Bozinovskog uticala je na igru u sredini, gde je imao dominativnu ulogu. Svi su izgledi da će Bozinovski moći da nastupi već sledeću nedelju u Footscrayu, gde JUST docekuje ljutog rivala Melbourne Croatia, koja se nalazi u nezavidnom položaju posle poraza u susretu sa Heidelbergom. U tom susretu Croatia je očigledno bila zriva lošeg sudjenja, da ne kazenu prisrano donosi odluku. Pojedine su bjele imaju dva merla za jednaeste, sto tije jave.

MAKEDONIJA takođe, nepotrebno gubi bodove zbog jalove navale, koja je na zadnje tri utakmice postigla svega jedan gol, što je vrlo los prospekt. U nedjelju 13. jula Makedonija je gost Adelaide Juventusa, koji je skoro nepobedit na svom igralistu. Međutim, Makedonija je uvek bila uspešna u Adelaide, pa se očekuje da i ovog puta osvoji najmanje jedan bod.

STA JE SA MLADIM TIMOM?

Mladi tim JUST-a se skoro raspao, jer su mladi igrači postali nestupnji. Put do Nacionale lige je vrlo težak za mlade igrače, kojima se ne posvećuje puna paznja.

Zadnji mesec dana "plavi" tabor su napustili Mark Turdija (presao u Northcote City), Goce Delchevski, Marino Oblak, Milan Djurdjević i Ljubo Barjaktarević (otisli u Albion Rovers). Steta sto nisu otisli

u jedan od jugoslovenskih klubova, odakle bi bio laksi povratnik u JUST-aku što se budi razvili u bolje igrače. Međutim, materijalni momenat je prevaguo, jer su izabrali klubove gde će biti dobro placeni.

Mladi tim Hellasa pobedio je odgovarajući nastavak sa 4:2.

Strelič za JUST: Michael Burlak u 48. i Mark Marie u 71. minuti. Saстав: Vlajnic, Pashaly, Bencinovski, Smaila, Lopatic, White, Brkić, Obradović, Burlak, Zezovski, Milic, Marić.

Ispod 12 godina: JUST — Brunswick City 2:2 (0:2). Strelič za JUST: Zoran Cvetković i George Briskovic iz jednaeste. Ovaj tim potencijalno neverovatno je predavao nadnjim par meseci zahtijevajući predanom radu trenera Mirka Balozanu i menadžera Zivice Zigica, koga svi zovu Lalu. Sponsor tima je mesarsica "Evo" iz Newporta, koja ih je snabdela sa prvakom opremom i lopatama. U nedelju 13. jula JUST igra 12 godina igra u gostima protiv Prahran Slavije na Fitzroy Community Ovalu, Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy.

Ispod 12 godina: "Plavi" malisani su bili slobodni predstavljajući nešto u jedne dve teške utakmice, u subotu su bili gošti Preston Makedonije ono koje su izgubili sa 0:1, ali su zato bili bratski pocaseni sa jelom i pienom. Sutradan su "plavi" malisani iz Springvale pobedili Mornington "A" tim sa 3:2 u gostima. Strelič: Aydin Kadar direktno u kornjeru, Milan Mihajlović i Zlatko Mihajlović.

LALOR SLOGA — BRIGHTON 1:3 (0:3). Strelič za Slogu Vasko Cvetković. Sloga se kasno razigrala, ali i tad nije imala sportsku srecu, jer su njene navalni igrači tračili put pogoditi stativu.

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Rezerve su ugrale arenesu 3:3 (2:1). Strelič za Slogu Michael Misković 2 i Zoran Dimovski 1.

U subotu 12. jula Sloga je gost North Dandenong na Louis Twohig Reserve, Carlton Road, My. 81 E.12.

KEILOR AUSTRIA — ROYAL RICHMOND SINDJELICA 1:1 (0:1). Strelič za Sindjelica Peter Gasko. Podbacili su strelič Sindjelica iako su imali dovoljno prilika za dvocinjeni pobjedu.

Sastav Sindjelica P. Hrehoresin, Z. Jovic, Arthur (David) (od 46. minuta), T. Drinovski, J. Kondaros, R. Jovicic, P. Gasco, R. Lla, D. Dejanovic, J. Picioane, T. Marchetti. Trener Milenko Rusmir.

PASCOE VALE PEELISTER je izgubio drugu utakmicu u prvenstvu sa 0:1 protiv Ivanhoe City, ali se još uvek drži na prvom mestu sa jednim bodom razlike. U subotu 12. jula Mladost je gost Malvern City, dok Crvena zvezda iz Peelistera igraju Jugo. derbi na Como Parku.

U subotu 12. jula Sindjelica docekuje Moreland Park Rangersa na Yarraville Ovalu.

Ringwood/SRBILJA nije igrala prosle subote protiv Essendon City-a, jer je igraliste bilo pod vodom, a u subotu 12. jula odlazi u goste Hamlyn Rangersu na Myers Reserve, Rollo's Rd., Bell Post Hill, My. 225 K-10.

SPRINGVALE UNITED — MOORABBIN CITY 2:0 (2:0). Strelič oba gola Peter Lutgen iz jednaeste. Prvi put je Dragoslav Jelić sršnjer u kaznenom prostoru, a drugi put je gostujući igrač rukom zaustavio akciju "plavih", koji su se vrtili u formu u pravo vreme.

Sastav Springvale Utd: Nenad Ranic, Dragoslav Jelic, Maja Jankovic, Goran Veljovic, Ilijia Kuzmanovic, Danijar Taras, Goran Filipovski (Zahid Tepic), Dejan Stevanovic, Steven Janic, Peter Lutgen, Cane Veljelović.

Ispod 12 godina: "Plavi" malisani su bili slobodni predstavljajući nešto u jedne dve teške utakmice, u subotu 12. jula igraju za juniorski kup protiv Juventusa na svom igralistu, a u nedelju 12. jula gosti su Keilor Austrije na J.H. Allen Reserve, Park Drive, East Keilor, My. 27 D.2.

Ispod 14 godina: JUST — Bulleen 4:2 (1:1). Strelič: Ilij Stojcevski, Dragun Surbevski, Saso Bećinovski i Robin Stankovski. U u subotu 12. jula JUST igra protiv South Dandenonga za juniorski kup na svom igralistu, a u nedelju za prvenstvo protiv Clifton Hilla na Yamba Reserve, Yamba Street, Clifton Hill, My. 44 F.2. obe utakmice počinju u 11.00 i 15.00 po podne.

Ispod 16 godina: JUST — West Utd. 0:7 (0:3). Tezak poraz je rezultat nediscipline i mesanjeg roditelja u sastav tima. U nedelju 13. jula "plavi" su gosti Clifton Hilla u 2.45 po podne.

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U subotu 12. jula Sloga je gost North Dandenong na Louis Twohig Reserve, Carlton Road, My. 81 E.12.

WILLIAMSTOWN MILADOST — CENTRAL CITY CRVENA ZVEZDA 2:2 (3:2). Strelič: Nikola Popović (Kir Dimovski), George Jovosević, Imlj Belevski, Ilij Vuković, Bogo Kavrković, Riste Niveški, Vasko Cvetković.

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U subotu 12. jula Williamstoun je gost Ivanhoe na H. A. Smith Reserve cnr. Glenferrie Rd, i Reserve Rd., My. 59 D.2.

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Croatia for the title?

White Eagles and Croatia-Glenorchy closed in to within a point of league-leader Juventus-Pioneer as the Tasmanian Cadbury State League competition entered the third and final round of matches.

ing three successive matches with anything but a full-strength team.

White Eagles beat Juventus 4-2 in its latest match, its first win over the league champion in more than two years.

Juventus paraded its new signing from Adelaide City, 20-year-old striker Ercole Lattanzio, but his debut was about as miserable as the weather and he was substituted in the second half.

Now only did Juventus lose, but it also lost goalkeeper Damon Youl who was sent off towards the end after clashing with Dave Stoddart.

Player-coach David Smith went in goal for the remaining minutes but, with reserve goalkeeper Tony Macallini on holiday in Queensland, the champion could be in real trouble.

Details: Olympia-WPL 1 (Goldstein, pen); Rapid 0; Croatia-Glenorchy 3 (McNamee, Thomas) White Eagles 1 (Kerry); Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (O'Brien, pen, Collins); Olympia-WPL 1 (Forster); White Eagles 4 (A. Leszcynski, 3, R. Leszcynski) Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Cochrane, Broadhouse, pen).

Leading Goalscorers: 16 - J. Broadhouse (Juventus); 14 - R. Leszcynski (White Eagles); 13 - A. Leszcynski (White Eagles).

State League Standings

	W	D	F	A	Pt
Juventus	9	2	3	42	23
White Eagles	8	2	3	34	20
Croatia-Glenorchy	9	2	3	28	23
Olympia-WPL	8	1	5	38	23
Delaware City	3	2	1	35	13
Howrah	3	2	1	37	13
Rapid	3	1	10	30	5
Metro-Clemton	0	1	9	32	5

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In the lead, St. Albans Dinamo has interested several with its talented youngsters. Now, Dinamo has another group of talented youngsters with a difference.

A few weeks ago a group of girls asked Nick Beronic if it would be possible to get a girls' team going. These girls invited along a few more girls and now their coach has 18 girls in his squad.

The girls played their first match against Sunbury recently and the match was entertaining for spectators and spectators. Although the girls need a lot more training coach Beronic says a lot of the girls have potential.

Any girls in the St. Albans area are welcome to train on Friday nights at 6.30pm at Churchill Reserve.

The team, pictured above, is back row: M. Rados, M. Rados, E. Rados, J. Beronic, K. Rados, J. Geric, M. Markus. Front row: L. Krakar, A. Filipovic, M. Filipovic, S. Rados, A. Jolic, I. Stipic.

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Balmain Utd	13 2 1 45 19 28	Intercity	7 0 0 24 10 14	Dixster Rvrs	7 0 0 1 30 4 14	
West Meadows	11 4 3 54 18 22	Keller Utd	5 3 0 25 11 8	Matcham	6 0 1 20 7 8	
Glenroy	9 4 3 31 18 22	R.M.I.T.	4 0 3 15 11 8	Monbulk	6 0 2 28 5 12	
Sth Springvale	8 4 4 43 29 29	Old paradians	4 0 5 22 19 8	Waterson	6 0 2 28 9 12	
Shl Yarraville	8 3 3 30 26 19	Camberwell Grm	3 2 2 3 18 16	Forest Hill	3 0 2 40 17 7	
Ascot Vale City	8 3 3 30 27 19	Utd Park	3 2 2 3 18 16	Heidelberg	2 0 0 17 26 4	
Burwood Utd	6 5 2 25 22 17	Anstey	1 2 2 4 3 9 4	Box Hill 'B'	1 0 0 7 6 38 2	
Meadow Park	4 4 2 27 24 11	Mazenod College	1 0 6 5 32 2	Glenorchy	1 0 0 7 6 38 2	
Parkmore	4 3 3 27 24 11	ACT 1, Wt 0 Vic 0, NSW 1 Northern	1 0 6 13 21 3	Baxter 'B'	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
Port Utd	4 3 3 27 24 11	Utd 17, Rd 1 Vic 1, NT 1, South 1 Northern				
Richmond Utd	3 3 18 27 9	Utd 2, ACT 0 Vic 0, Tas 1, Northern				
Altona Utd	3 3 18 27 9	NSW 1, South 2, NT 1, WA 1, NSW 0				
Fitzroy City	3 3 9 24 7 9	Utd 15, Rd 1 Northern NSW 4 Tas 0 Tas 0				
RESERVES		NSW 1, South 0 Did 0				
West Meadows	13 3 8 85 26 29	Utd 2, NSW 1 Northern NSW 0 South				
Meadow Park	10 1 5 35 15 21	United 16, Swanbank 0, Meko United 1				
Glenroy	8 3 4 44 16 22	Rowville United 1, Tofferton 1, Whittlesea 1				
Balmain Utd	8 3 4 44 16 22	Utd 1, C. O. C. 1, Whittlesea 1				
Burwood Utd	8 2 5 42 27 18	United 4				
Sth Yarraville	7 3 5 44 27 17	Vic. Amateur Assoc.				
Ascot Vale City	7 3 5 44 27 17	Altona North Tarzien 1, Fawkful 1				
Sth Springvale	7 3 5 44 27 17	Utd 1, D. L. B. 1, Princes 1, Whittlesea 1				
Richmond Utd	5 1 3 31 15 11	L.E.T. 1, Old B. 1, Princes 1, Whittlesea 1				
Altona Utd	6 2 2 21 18 7	LET 0, D. L. B. 1, Princes 1, Whittlesea 1				
Fitzroy City	0 2 12 17 58 2	Westall Timorese 4-0, Ericsson 1				
PROV FOUR		Watsonia Heights 12, Chilean Sports Club				
St Kilda	1 1 2 35 17 23	Utd 1, Praetor Melbourne 2, Dandy				
Northern Utd	1 1 2 37 20 24	Olympic v Northern Star 2.3				
Waverley Utd	1 1 2 38 14 23	DIV ONE TABLE				
Kensington Utd	9 2 5 39 21 19	W. D. L. F. A. P!				
Carlton	1 1 2 38 14 23	Lester	5 2 0 25 2 12	St Albans	7 0 0 40 2 14	
Balclava	6 6 4 30 25 18	Keen	5 2 1 25 10 8	Altona City	5 0 0 31 6 10	
Rivendell Rvrs	8 1 6 18 23 17	Reynolds	5 0 1 22 24 9 12	Merland Mdwds	4 0 1 22 25 12 9	
Skye Rovers	8 1 6 21 23 17	Spells	9 1 2 27 15 6	Cliff Hill	4 0 1 21 18 9	
Lyndale Utd	5 3 6 23 15 19	Dandy	6 2 4 24 23 14	Northgate	3 2 1 20 16 8	
Rivendell Rvrs	5 3 6 23 15 19	Olympic	5 2 4 31 25 14	Rosanna	2 1 0 30 12 5	
Lyndale Utd	4 2 6 24 37 17	Shuttleworth	5 0 4 28 18 13	Watsonia	2 1 0 30 12 5	
Carrium Utd	4 2 6 22 37 17	Prichina	5 0 4 28 18 13	Moonee Ponds	0 0 5 6 23 3	
West Utd	3 2 11 23 40 4	Burnley	3 4 5 12 28 10	East Preston	0 0 3 0 9 0	
Debney Park	3 2 11 23 40 4	Watsonia Heights	3 1 8 18 32 8			
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Northern Utd	8 2 6 36 35 17	Olympic	5 2 4 31 25 14			
Ringwood Rvrs	8 1 6 36 33 17	Shuttleworth	5 0 4 28 18 13			
Lyndale Utd	6 4 3 29 27 17	Watsonia	3 1 8 18 32 8			
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Debney Park	1 2 4 8 22 24	Shuttleworth	5 0 4 28 18 13			
Mulgrave	1 2 4 8 22 24	Watsonia	3 1 8 18 32 8			
Kensington Utd	3 0 12 22 55 6	Ericsson	3 1 8 18 32 8			
AMAT ONE		WESTERN AUSTRALIA				
Ascel St Marks	8 3 2 39 19 19	Penrith	5 0 0 25 10 14			
Collingwood Cy	7 4 2 38 20 18	W. D. L. F. A. P!				
Maccabi	8 2 3 39 20 18	Reynolds	5 0 0 25 10 14			
Balwyn City	8 2 3 39 20 18	Westall Timorese	8 1 2 26 21 17			
Philbin Inst	7 1 2 38 20 18	Dandy	6 2 4 24 23 14			
Brinetics	7 1 2 38 20 18	Olympic	5 0 0 25 10 14			
Epping Thistle	6 1 2 19 21 13	Shuttleworth	2 1 3 27 21 12			
Endeavour Hills	6 1 2 19 21 13	Watsonia	6 2 3 27 21 12			
Northern Suburbs	3 3 7 25 33 19	Ericsson	6 2 3 27 21 12			
Melbourne Uni	3 3 7 25 33 19	Westall Timorese	2 1 3 27 21 12			
Eagles Utd	4 2 7 22 30 6	Watsonia	2 1 3 27 21 12			
Endeavour Hills	3 2 8 22 30 6	Ericsson	2 1 3 27 21 12			
Phillip Inst	3 2 8 22 30 6	Westall Timorese	2 1 3 27 21 12			
Diamond Valley	3 2 8 22 30 6	Watsonia	2 1 3 27 21 12			
Melbourne Uni	3 1 9 14 33 7	Ericsson	2 1 3 27 21 12			
AMAT TWO		QUEENSLAND				
Diggers Rest	7 1 2 28 14 19	Star 1, Coastline 3, Wyndham 0, Eastern				
Waverley Utd	7 3 2 38 17 17	Subs 2 1, Ipswich 1 U, Mt. Gravatt 1, Taringa 1				
East Allena	8 0 4 32 13 16	INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE				
Hawthorn Utd	7 1 2 44 33 16	Acacia Ridge	8 0 0 37 17 15			
Yarraville Hts	7 1 2 44 33 16	Redfern 2, Reservoir 2, Fortescue 2, Fernhill 2, Ingleside 1, Osborne Park 2, Althene 5				
East Richmond	7 1 2 44 33 16	Division Two				
Old Scotch	4 2 6 27 20 20	East Perth 1, Cockburn 1, Rockingham 1, Murdoch 1, Capalaba 1, Oxley U, Ipswich C 3, Albany B				
Concorde	4 2 6 19 26 10	Division Three				
Yarra United	3 2 7 20 35 8	Booragoon 1, Armadale 1, Murdoch 1, Capalaba 1, Oxley U, Ipswich C 3, Albany B				
Oakleigh Utd	3 2 7 20 35 8	Division One				
Nth Melbourne	0 0 11 7 60 0	Highgate 1, Murdoch 1, Capalaba 1, Oxley U, Ipswich C 3, Albany B				
AMAT THREE		Subs 2 1, Ipswich 1 U, Mt. Gravatt 1, Taringa 1				
RESERVES		UNDER 11				
W. D. L. F. A. P!		CENTRAL A				
Oakleigh	7 0 1 25 20 16	Caufield Cy A	8 0 0 37 17 15			
Intercity	6 3 0 30 11 19	Beaumaris	5 0 2 28 12 10			
Keller Utd	6 2 1 32 17 16	Kew Park	4 0 2 28 12 10			
Connellwell Grm	6 0 0 25 26 15	Prahran SL	4 0 2 28 12 10			
R.M.I.T.	6 0 0 25 26 15	Weston Park	4 0 2 28 12 10			
Anstey	4 0 4 24 20 8	Watsonia	3 0 0 25 27 8			
Karingal	4 0 4 24 20 8	Clifton Hill	3 0 0 25 27 8			
Mazenod	3 0 0 27 23 8	Brindabella	3 0 0 25 27 8			
Old Scotch	1 0 0 5 8 34 2	Karingal 'B'	1 0 0 5 8 34 2			
Concorde	3 0 0 7 23 8	Mazenod 'A'	1 0 0 5 8 34 2			
North Melbourne	0 0 10 3 41 1	Watsonia	0 0 0 7 23 8			
AMAT FOUR		CENTRAL B				
Diggers Rest	6 4 2 27 18 17	Nurswadiing City	6 1 0 1 37 14 13			
Waverley Utd	6 2 1 32 17 16	Drakehouse	5 0 2 1 32 17 16			
Hawthorn Utd	6 2 1 32 17 16	Oakleigh	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
Yarraville Hts	6 2 1 32 17 16	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
East Allena	3 2 7 15 24 2	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
Hawthorn Utd	3 2 7 15 24 2	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
Old Scotch	3 2 7 15 24 2	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
Concorde	3 2 7 15 24 2	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
North Melbourne	0 0 10 7 60 0	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
AMAT FIVE		EASTERN A				
Oakleigh	7 0 0 64 4 14	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
Intercity	5 0 1 35 6 12	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
Keller Utd	5 0 1 35 6 12	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
Connellwell Grm	5 0 1 35 6 12	Watsonia	5 0 2 1 20 15 12			
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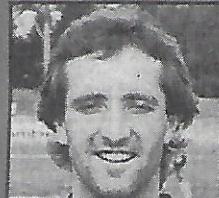
SOUTHERN DIVISION

Green Gully vs Adelaide Hellas

Green Gully Reserve 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game

Green Gully vs Brighton — 12.45pm



LES CARTER



PETER LEWIS

Brunswick Juventus vs Brisbane City

Olympic Park No. 2 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game

Juventus vs Frankston Pines — 12.45pm



NICK DELIGIANNIS

Heidelberg Alexander vs George Cross

Olympic Village 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game

Heidelberg vs Sunshine Geo. Cross — 12.45pm



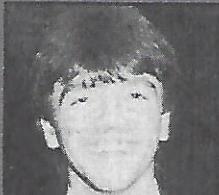
PETER LAUMETS

Brisbane Lions vs Sth Melb. Hellas

Richlands 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game

Fawkner vs Sth Melbourne — 12.45pm



CON OPASINIS

Adelaide City vs Preston Makedonia

Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm SUNDAY

Youth Game

Nunawading City vs Preston — 12.45pm



OSSIE LATIF

Footscray J.U.S.T. vs Melb. Croatia

Schintler Reserve 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game

J.U.S.T. vs CROATIA 12.45pm

NORTHERN DIVISION

Canterbury vs Wollongong City
Arlington Oval, SATURDAY 3pm

Inter Monaro vs Canberra City
Seiffert Oval, SUNDAY 3pm

Newcastle vs A.P.I.A.
Adamstown Oval, SATURDAY 2.30pm

St George vs Sydney Olympic
St George Stadium, SUNDAY 3pm

Blacktown City vs Marconi
Gabbie Stadium, SUNDAY 3pm

Sydney Croatia vs Sydney City
Croatia Sports Centre, SUNDAY 3pm

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